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CREED DEBATE HAS STARTED

Speeches in the Presbuterian General Assembly For and Against Revision.

MOTION TO DISMISS MADE

Interest in the Discussion Calls Forth a Large and Distinguished Audience-Speeches by Dr. Baker, Dr. Dickey, Dr. McKibben, Dr. Nicholls and Dr. Purves-The Discussion Throughout Is Without a Trace of Acrimony-General Harrison Quoted as Favoring Revision.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, May 23.-With eloquence born of the solemn importance of the question, commissioners to the Presbyterian general assembly today began the debate on the revision of the confession of faith. Brilliant leaders of the church advanced their views in a calm, dispassionate manner and the entire discussion was devoid of acrimony. With a full realization of the great importance of the subfeet the assembly proceeded to consider and investigate thoroughly every detail of the proposed changes in the creed. Calvary church was not large enough to accommodate the throngs who clamored for admission. Many of the spectators did not leave the church during the noon recess. Although frequently requested to avoid demonstrations, the audience repeatedly applauded the speakers. Among the spectators were many elergymen of other denominations.

Revision Report.

The great question came before the essembly with the reading of the report of the committee on revision by Hev. Dr. Charles A. Dickey, chair-man. This was followed by the mireport, read by Rev. Dr. Wil-Ham McKibben, of Cincinnati. A rule of the assembly gives chairmen the right to speak on their reports after they have been received, but before Dr. Dickey could secure recognition, Dr. Samuel J. Niccolls moved the adoption of the first recommendation in both reports. Rev. Dr. James D. Moffat made a substitute motion to adopt the majority report, and an amendment was offered substituting Rev. Dr. George D. Baker presented as another amendment a resolution to the effect that as the vote of the presbyteries indicated a lack of unanimity, the entire subject be dismissed. Dr. Dickey secured the floor on this amendment and made a stirring address supporting the old confession. Dr. Herrick Johnson and Rev. Samuel J. Niccolls aroused the unbounded enthusiasm of the audience by their brilliant presentations of the revision faction's reasons for desiring a change. Rev. Dr. George T. Purves spoke against revision, as did Rev. Dr. George D. Baker. Dr. McKibben favored a modified change,

There are 250 commissioners committed to dismissal, but they have expressed themselves as open to convic-

The Debate Begun.

The order of the day, the reading of the report of the special committee on revision, came before the assembly at o'clock. In answer to the questions submitted to the presbyteries, fifty asked the assembly to dismiss whole subject, one was undecided, four said they neither desired a revision nor a supplementary statement, nor the dismissal of the whole subject, and of the 233 presbyteries, thirty-one failed to respond. Of the remaining presbyteries, nearly two-thirds of the whole number asked for some change in the credal statement, forty-seven a revision of the confession, eleven an explanatory statement, one revision and an explanatory statement, fiftytwo a supplemental statement, fifteen revision and a supplemental statement, one an explanatory statement and a supplemental statement, fourteen a substitute creed, one an alternative creed and six some change not

Rev. Dr. George D. Baker, of this city, was the first speaker at the afternoon session. He declared himself as opposed to revision. He said the assertion had been made that the confession of faith was not up-to-date, and that the love of God is not sufficiently magnified. Those persons, he said, evidently don't know the confession. Dr Baker said he believed there existed in the assembly a sentiment which cried "hands off." Some commissioners, the speaker declared, lean towards the adoption of an explanatory statement an easy way out of the difficulty. On this point he said:

An explanatory statement is an interpreta tion of the confession of faith by the majority must be subscribed to by ministers making heir ordination vows and they will thus be deerived of their religious liberty. Is our church osing its hold on the world? Is it a weakling Is it not rather stronger than ever be Let us beware how we sell our hirth

right for a mess of nottage. Dr. Johnson's Argument.

Rev. Dr. Herrick Johnson, of Chicago, presented a careful analysis of confession, showing why certain statements should be eliminated and asserting that some truth not contained therein should be added.

No one would deny that the confession is th was a human document and therefore sub-iset to error. I have no attack to make on the reed. I wish calmly and dispassionately to in-restigate it; what it contains and what it does act contain. The authors of the creed are not ntallible. They wrote some things in it which ntallible. They wrote some things in it which so don't believe to be true and tailed to write some things which we hold to be true. They stoke of the pope. "That anti-Christ man of the pope to the said see of pecifican." We repudiate that trolled by the ability and why should it be allowed to "main" \$1,500,500, and we have the creed two hundred and fifty years 1,500 operatives.

ago and will be following the footsteps of the Westminster divines if we make a new one. The way is open to us to do as our Westminster fathers did. What liberty had they that we do

Dr. Johnson then quoted a number of revisions which the creed has undergone since its adoption and said that as the prevailing sentiment of the church favored some change it was the duty of the assembly to take cognizance of their wish. As to the law in the matter, Dr. Johnson said that when a specific change is desired by two-thirds of the Presbyteries the assembly must send down an overture. It has no choice. The assembly also has the power to act when not required to do so. He asked:

Can we, then, afford to dismiss this question ben one hundred and fifty-four presbyteries ask for a change? It was the suggestion of General Harrison that no matter what was taken out of the confession the clause referring to the pope ust be eliminated, as there was no reason why should remain.

The clause referring to the refusal to ake an oath Dr. Johnson also thought should be stricken out and that some mention of missions should be made Regarding predestination, Dr. Johnson

I don't arraign the doctrine of divine election ut to shut mercy up to the elect is to take away is glory. We want nothing but fidelity to the rath. Truth is two-sided. Our confession hold one side elegantly. Let us get all the truth

Dr. Purves' Argument.

Rev. Dr. George T. Purves, of New York, spoke against revision. He said, in part:

I am not an extremist on this question. m not one who believes the confession of fail; a perfect document. I recognize the fact that t is open to improvement. This assembly is a eliberative and constitutive body, not bound by the presbytery returns. The returns in this cas ent a hopeless future for any specific plan. s for the poor pope of Rome being anti-Christ admit that is not the proper epithet to apply blim, but bringing up such subjects is picking ies off the great pillar of the confession. D ou imagine for a moment you are going to stop he aspersions of the world against Calvinism? Not for one moment. When the Westminster divines tried to remove these aspersions they built r a more highly articulated statement of the octrine, which is just the opposite of what our brethren want us to do.

Dr. Nicholls Speaks.

A forceful address favoring revision, which noticeably impressed the commissioners, was delivered by Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Nicolls, of St. Louis, who declared that creed is the representative of scriptural knowledge up to date "Our fathers who wrote it recognized this fact," asserted Dr. Nicolls. Continuing, he said:

Throughout our church there has been an expression of dissatisfaction with the statements in our written confession and this dissatisfaction s growing. We do know something which our athers did not know, or at least which they did of write. It is unreasonable that the presive teries should ask you to consider if you cannot state the truth in such a way that it may not

Oh, peace, what strife has been engendered in Our presbyteries are seeking aid and it relief is term these questions which are agitating the church little things, but little things sometimes

cause much irritation. I don't believe in beating ecclesiastical drums. It is my opinion that when a document don't express your convictions the easiest way is to change it.

By the third chapter of the confession we don't mean that God's grace is not to be preached to all men. Salvation is open to all men in ti-

province of Christ. One-third of the bancan race die in infanand the sorrowing mother comes to the church Has the church as the representative of the gentle Jesus nothing to say to that sorrowing other? That is what we ask in this connection Is the unknown will of God to be the or mission work? We want to know that,

Speaking of the clause referring to the pope, Dr. Niccolls said there were many examples in the Roman church which might well be emulated. that church are men of the highest intellectual attainments, self-sacrificing and holy women who have nursed our wounded on the battle field and missionaries who have given their lives for their faith. "Shall we not, then," asked Dr. Nic-

colls, "exercise that charity which we ask when we are misunderstood?"

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

By Exclusive Wite from The Associated Press St. Petersburg, May 21 (delayed in transmis-sion).—The Obenkhoff Armor Plate Ordnance works, a Russian government institution, midway between St. Petersburg and Schlusselbourg, was the scene of a riotous demonstration and severe fighting between soldiers, police and mounted gendarmes and strikers today. Workmen monbering several thousand struck on Monday, and the windows of the factory on the Schinsselbourg road were smashed. The gendarmes fired on the strikers, killing several and wounding many. The eight-hour movement is apparently spreading

Milwankee, May 23.-The board of trustees he Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and in Workers submitted its report to the conven-The report was a review of the ion Today. nancial and other conditions of the order and will not be made public. It is expected the norrow and an adjournment was taken until

that time. Norwick, Conn., May 25.-The Bessenier of mine, Aragon, has been purchased by the United States Steel corporation for \$2,500,000, from Ohio apitalists, who have operated it for twelve years. Detroit, May 24.-The local plant of the Ameri in Car and Foundry company today acceded the demands of its titty eight striking machiets, and in addition instituted a fitty-four hou

seek for its 3,000 other employes. Washington, May 23.—President Milholland, of the Allied Metal Trades association, telegraphed from the headquarters of that organization in Toledo today that he had issued orders to his men at various points to join the strike in tho shops where the employers are still hole against the demands of the machinists.

Coatesville, Pa., May 23.-The Lukens Iron and Steel company has just closed a contract for the recetion of a 116 inch plate mill here. With the exception of the Carnegie company's mills this will be the largest in America. When com-pleted the plant will have a capacity of 200,000 ons of finished plates a year.

Pittsburg, May #3.-- The J. M. Guffey Petro um company of Texas closed a contract today with the Riter Conley Manufacturing company of this city, for ten tanks of 115,000 barrels cap-acity each. These tanks will be the largest ever manufactured. The contract approximates \$500,000.

Milwaukee, May 25,-Edwin Reynolds, president of the National Metal Trade association, yester-day issued a call for the meeting of the admin-istrative council of that body to meet in Chirago on Tuesday next.

Kokomo, Ind., May 25.-A steel and wire com pany was organized here yesterday, not con-trolled by the steel trust. It has a capital of 1,500,000, and will construct a plant to emplo

LIPTON NOT DISCOURAGED

To Ask New York Yacht Glub to Postpone the Race Until the First Week in October.

REPAIRS TO BE PUSHED

If the Race Is Set Back to the Time Fixed by Sir Thomas, Shamrock II Will Be in Shape to Take Part in It-This Plan Was Decided Upon at a Conference Between the Yacht Owner and a Number of His Friends-Request to New York Club to Be Cabled.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Southampton, May 23.-At a conference of his constructors and advisers held this evening on board the Erin, Sir Thomas Lipton told the gentlemen that he was determined to go ahead with the Shamrock II, and left it to them to decide how this could best be done.

He had a long discussion with Mr. Watson, the designer of the Shamrock II: Mr. Ratsey, the sailmaker: Mr. Wand, manager for the Dennys, the builders of the yacht; Captain Sycamore, her skipper, and Messrs, Hillyard and Ure, amateur yachtsmen who have been sailing on board the Shamrock II and it was agreed to cable the New York Yacht club asking that the date of the contest be postponed until the first week in October, in order to allow time for the necessary repairs. This extension will give the Dennys and Mr. Ratsey time to do their parts of

the work. It was decided to lose no time but to go ahead under full pressure while awaiting the reply from the New York Yacht club as to whether the postponement would be granted

THE SCHOOL CUT IS NOT YET RESTORED

Effort of Representative Coray to Amend the General Appropriation Bill Is Voted Down

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, May 23.-The general anpropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of \$15,945,761.10 for the payment of the ordinary expenses of the state government the next two years, passed second reading in the house today it the form in which it was reported from committee. The bill contains an item appropriating eleven million dollars for the support of the public schools.

Mr. Coray, of Luzerne, made an unsuccessful effort to increase this amount to twelve millions to cover Governor Stone's reduction in the appropriation in 1899. The vote on the Coray motion to amend was 52 year to 63 pays. After disposing of the bill the house adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday night. The senate today passed on second reading the bill taxing store orders at coal mines. Mr. Fisher had his bill to prevent first cousins from marrying, which was defeated, put on the post-

noned calendar. LOST IN MID-ATLANTIC.

Message in Bottle from Missing Steamship Croft. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, May 23 .- A bottle which was picked up at Granton today contained a message saying that the steamship Croft, with all hands, was sinking in mid-Atlantic.

The British steamship Croft, of 2,700 ons, of the Arrow line, Captain Land, laden with grain and general merchandise, sailed from New York, January 25, 1899, for Leith and Dundee, with a crew of twenty-five men, and was never again heard of. She has long since been posted as

missing at Lloyds.

DAMAGES FOR MOB VIOLENCE. Three Negroes Collect \$11,000 from Logan County, Ohio.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bellefontaine, O., May 23 .- A jury has awarded \$3,000 damages to David Rickman for injuries which he had received at the hands of a mob. Some time ago, Rickman and Edward Jackson, colored, and Mrs. Neil Jackson, a white woman, were tarred and feathered and driven out of town by citizens of West Lib

The trio brought suits for damages against Logan county. Jackson was awarded \$1,000 damages and Mrs. Jack-

WORN OUT JOURNALISTS. Home for Them to Be Erected Soon in New Orange.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Philadelphia. May 23.—The International League of Press Clubs Benevolent association filed articles of incorporation yesterday in Union county,

The association will erect a home at New Orange, N. J., for aged and indigent newspaper workers and also those who by sickness or casualty shall be rendered incapable of following their profession.

Elkes Broke Record.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Baltimore, May 23.-Firty-one bundred people gaw Harry Elkes, the champion of the United States defeat Watson Coleman tonight in a 20states defeat warson Coleman tonight in a 20-mile modor-passed race at the Harford avenue colliseum in this city. Elkes distanced Coleman by one mile and taree and one-half laps in 31 minutes and 23 seconds. The five, fifteen and twenty mile records were broken. "Jimmy" Michael held the previous 20 mile record of 31 minutes and 20 seconds.

QUIET DAY AT HARRISBURG. Bill Outlawing Marriage of First Cousins Is Reconsidered.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., May 23.-The Mc-Anlis bill, making it unlawful for first cousins to marry, which was defeated yesterday in the senate, was reconsidered at today's session and laid aside for the present.

In the house today the Coray bill to revoke the warrants issued under the Act of 1848 for lands under the beds of navigable streams, and the genate bill giving justices of the peace the same rights as are enjoyed by notaries public were reconsidered and laid aside for

Mr. Ulrich, of Dauphin, reported from the banks committee the senate bill creating a bureau of building and loan association in the department of banking.

The house took up for third reading and final dassage the senate bill providing for the examination and licensing of plumbers. Upon motion of Mr Pomeroy, of Franklin, the bill was laid aside for the present.

O'CONNELL'S STATEMENT

Number of Adjustments Reported During the Day-Strike of Seaboard Air Line Men Today.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Washington, May 23.—President O'Connell, of the machinists' associaion, in summarizing the strike situa-

tion to-night, said:
"The situation now shows that we are largely the gainer in the number of settlements made. The adjustments reported during the day show a gain in New England of 1,500 in the number of men returned to work with the demands granted: of 500 or 600 in Ohio and probably 1,000 in Pennsylvania About 1,000 men struck to-day. There are some additions in Philadelphia and some in the seaboard air line shops a Americus, Ga. Our policy is to discourage bringing out any more mer han is absolutelly necessary to effect he success of the movement."

Mr. O'Connell said a strike of the machinists on the Seaboard Air Line would occur to-morrow morning. He said the strikers would number beween 500 or 600. Advices to headquarers here indicate that at San Franisco many of the smaller concerns are ready to grant the demands, but are not ready to sign the agreement. At Indianapolis the American Bicy

ele company is reported as agreeing to the demands but refusing to sign the agreement. The same condition exists at several other points and the matter is being left to the local organizaions to settle. Mr. O'Connell said to-night that he

could not understand such a policy on the part of the employers, but was not disposed to huggle over a miner Issue, and if necessary he would not insist on the men staying out on account of that technicality.

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

Number of Bills Approved That Have Widespread Interest. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, May 23 .- The following

bills were signed today by Governor Defining the offense of disorderly conduct by cosons on railroad and railway cars, public o

rivate parks and picnic grounds. The juvenile court bill. Providing that vinegar made wholly from rapes, apples and other fruit shall not be renired to contain an acidity of 4 per cent. Allowing cities of the second and third class appropriate \$500,000 annually for the suppor f each company of the National Guard using and coupying an armory building within such cities Providing for the election of recorders of deeds

and registers of wills in counties having a popul of over 150,000. Authorizing county commissioners to construct y public road leading to either end of a courty idge across a river.

Giving game protectors the same power as con Authorizing county treasurers to refund t diens the tax of three cents a day paid under he act of 18%, which was declared unconstitu-

Relating to connection of public property with oublic sewers in boroughs.

Authorizing cities of third class to maintain non-sectarian public libraries.

Requiring school feathers to be examined a lements of civil government and algebra. Granting to water companies the right to sup ply water to adjacent territory.

Allowing county commissioners to contribute t egularly organized county historical accieties.
Relating to the payment of arrears of bones charters and upon the authorized increase of e capital stock of corporations and declaring forfeiture of charter upon non-payment of bonu

eithin one year. Authorizing county commissioners to construct any public road leading to either end of a ounty bridge across a river.

Conferring upon orphans courts power to orsier and direct a mortgage or a public or private sale for the psyment of debts or for other purposes any lands lying partly in two or more count'e divided by county lines.

Authorizing trustees of state normal schools o reford their bonded indebtedness at a lower ite of interest and to include in the re-issue of onds a limited amount of additional indebted ess contracted prior to this act for the erection f buildings and making other improvements. Authorizing banks and banking companies to sprove any real estate they may hold for th commodation and transaction of their bust est by the erection, renewa! or replacing of niblings thereon and to derive tent therefrom, Providing for uniform practice and procedure courts of common pleas in counties containing ore than one court. Denning the oftense of disorderly conduct in

ersons on rathroid and railway private parks and prenic grounds.

BRESCI COMMITS SUICIDE.

Assassin of King Humbert Strangles Himself in Jail. clusive Wire from The Associated Pres-

Rome. May 23.-Bresci, the assassin t the late King Humbert, has committed suicide in the penitentiary of Santo Stefano. On Tuesday night he made a rope from his blankets and strangled himself.

Trust Company Said to Be Insolvent By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, May 23.-Attorney General Elkin made application to the Dauphin county court today for a receiver for the Lancaster Avenue Title and Trust company of Philadelphia, which the banking department alleges is insolvent.

TAXATION CONFERENCE

Representative Men at Buffalo Are Discussing a Highly Important Matter.

ROOSEVELT TO ATTEND

Conference Was Called by the National Civic Federation and Will Consider Proper Systems of Taxation for Raising Revenue for Federal, State and Municipal Governments-Hon. James A. Garfield, of Cleveland, O., Spoke on "The Listing of Personal Property"-Others Who Appeared Before the Conference.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Buffalo, May 23 .- A large number of prominent men from all parts of the inited States, representing all the conflicting theories of what constitutes proper systems of taxation for raising revenue for federal, state and municipal government met in the public library hall today. The conference was called by the National Civic Fed-

Professor R. A. Seligman, instructor of political economy at the University of Columbia, read a paper on "Inequalities of Taxation." Hon, James A. Gartield, of Cleveland, spoke on "The

Listing of Personal Property.' Dr. Max West, of Washington, member of the national industrial diri and Surakarta, have been covcommission, spoke on the taxation of farmers. The proper method of taxing essential property was taken up and after a lengthy discussion of the subject a resolution offered by Professor Seligman was passed, providing that steps be taken for the formaion of a national organization for the reformation of taxation methods. After a recess, Professor Frederick . Howe, of Cleveland, read a paper on the subject of federal restraint on the taxation of franchises. A general discussion of Mr. Howe's paper followed, in which Messrs. Dudley, of Wisconsin; Pines, of Kentucky; Math-

er, of Illinois; Judson, of Missourl, and Niles, of Maryland, participated. Charles S. Fairchild, of New York. ermer secretary of the treasury, was unable to be present, and his address, entitled "The Taxation of Banks and Frust Companies." was read by L Carroll Root. Vice-President Roosevelt will be

the guest of the federation. PENN TO RACE ON

LAKE KILLARNEY

present at tomorrow's conference as

Challenge of Dublin University Crew Accepted by the Rowing Committee of the U. of P.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, May 23 .- The University of Pennsylvania rowing committee today accepted the challenge of the Dublin (Ireland) university boat club for an eight-oared shell race between crews representing the Dublin club and Pennsylvania, thus giving the Quakers two first class rowing contests in Europe. The Irish race will take place on Lake Killarney on July 13 and will be over a course three miles long. The contest will be under the amateur

rowing association's rules. The Henley crew is in good condi tion. The crew will leave here on June 8 for Liverpool and the men will immediately go into training on the Henley. The regatta there is fixed for July 3, 4 and 5 and on the sixth of July the Pennsylvanians will leave for Dublin. Ellis Ward, the coach of the crew, will take fifteen men along.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Springfield, Ill., May 23,-Former Governo John Riley Tanner died suddenly this afternoon at the Leland hotel in this city, from the amatism of the heart. Governor Tanner had been con-ined to his apartment, since his return from Chicago last Saturday with cheumatism in the left side. The case was not considered at all This afternoon the governor became auch worse. Dr. Dixon, his family physician as hurriedly called, but when he reached the sedside he found the governor beyond medical Governor Tanner held many political offices in this state, and for years was one of the leaders of the Republican party in the state, Philadelphia, May 23.—Captain Henry B. Seely, aged 6) years, a retired naval officer, lead on the street in West Philadelphia this at ternoon. Captain Seely was captain of the League Island navy yard from 1881 to 1888, and was then made commandant, in which capacity he served until 1891, when he was placed in minand of the United States steamer Lancaster, Philadelphia, May 25.—Collins West Walton, a well known railway man and anancier of this city, died today, aged 51 years. He was for a ime engaged in the manufacture of bats and wared one of the largest bat making concerns in the city. After retiting from hosiness he be-came interested in street tailways and before the consolidation of the railway lines in this with the president of several companies.
Withington, Bel., May 21 - Job II. Jackson, president of the Jackson & Sharpe Car Building unuany of this city, died here today, aged 68 Mr. Jackson was one of the founders of se concern and spent thirty-eight years in build ing up the establishment.

Johannesburg, Transvaal Colony, May 25. Marthinus Wessels Pretorius, the most president

of the Dutch African republic, died May 19 Potchelstroom, Transvaal colony, after two days

Paris, May 23. Charles Boyaset, Republican, c the chamber of deputies, is dead. He was born in 1817, was a deputy in the legislative assembly in 1849, was elected a member of the national assembly in 1871 and has since been continually re-elected.

St. Louis, May 25. Dr. Thereas F. Rumbold, known in America and Europe for his contribu-tions to medical literature and researches in most surgery, died at his home here today.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

SHOWERS. COOLER.

General-Debate on Revision of Creed Started by Presbyterian Assembly. President McKinley's Busy Day Sir Thomas Lipton Asks Postponement of

National Conference Discusses Taxation,

2 General-Carbondale Department. 3 Advertisement.

4 Editorial, Note and Comment,

Local-Trial List for June Term of Court.

 Local—Excitement in the Duffin Case, Compilation of the City Assessment. Local-Common Council Proceedings, Edward A. Jones Is County Controller,

The Educational Contest Becomes Interesting 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban

9 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania News. Financial and Commercia 10 General-Whitney's Budget of Verities,

ISLAND OF JAVA IS NEARLY BURIED

Volcano Keloet Pouring Out Lava and Cinders-One-third of the Island Already Covered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Batavia, Java, May 23.-The volcano f Keloet is n a state of eruption and breatens Blitar coffee plantation. Kediri is also in danger. The district is asked these officials to provide a pon total darkness.

It was reported later that there had been great loss of life, many natives having been overwhelmed with lava. The population of Blitar is fleeing. A heavy rain of cinders continues fallng to-day.

of the island, including Samarang, Ke-**BACH FESTIVAL**

Six districts, aggregating one-third

Singing of the Chorus Marked by Unusual Precision-Upwards of One Thousand Visitors.

OPENS HAPPILY

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bethlehem, May 23,-The Bach choir. Fred Wolle, director, to-day opened is three day festival in the Moravian church with an inspiring performance of the Christmas oratorio, rendering the three parts for the successive days of Christmas at the afternoon concert. The two for New Year and that for taining \$350 worth of gold. Epiphany were sung in the evening. The singing of the chorus was marked | briefly to presentation speeches by unusual precision and considering he magnitude of the task and the tremendous difficulties of Bach's polyphony, was singularly free from mo- sod, where the monument to the

ments of indecision. If the excellent performance of the first day is continued the festival will bay, is to be erected. be an artistic success. There are upwards of 1,000 visitors in the town, principally from osten. New York

and Philadelphia, TO ENTER ASPHALT WAR. The Five Dismissed West Point Ca-

dets Get Another Job. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, May 23.-The five West Point cadets dismissed yesterday, Bowlby, Cleveland, Keller, Linton and Mahaffey, will not appeal for elemency

to the war department. They have entered the service of the New York and Bermudese Asphalt Co. One of the young men will go immediately to Venezuela and the others will be disposed of according to the engineering needs of the company.

THIRTEEN LIVES LOST.

Floods in Tennessee Cause Great Damage to Property.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., May 23 .- The Tenessee river has risen thirty-three feet above low water mark, the highest stage in twenty-six years. Authenticated reports from the

north-eastern part of the state show

that thirteen lives were lost. Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, New York, May 25.-Cleared: Umbria, Liver pool. Sailed: Auguste Victoria, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg: L'Aquitaine, Havyo-Naples-Arrived: Trave, New York for Genoa outhampton-Arrived: Kaiserin Maria Theres New York for Bremen, Liverpool-Arriv Servia, New York, Hamburg-Arrived: Doutsch land, New York. Querustown-Sarled: runte tfrom Liverpools, New York, dam-Sailed: Poesdam, New York via Bor Libard-Passed: La Lorraine, New York fo

liavre. Iron Works Destroyed by Fire.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Danville, Pa., May 23. - The plant of the Read ing Iron works at this place were almost rotally destroyed by the tonight. The flames were first discovered in the skelp mill and had done much broage before they were submed. The loss authorities that he had taken a box of could not be learned tonight.

Schwab to Provide Funds.

likely be released. By Ecclosive Wire from The Associated Press. Hazleton, May 20. A committee of citizens of resident of the United States steel corporation a New York today, was intormed that he provide the funds for the election of a modern hool building in the borough this summer nemory of his wife, who was born and raise

Verdict in McCormick Case.

y Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, May 15, An inquest into the death of Willie McCormick, the i2-year-old boy whose disappearance caused much excitement for several weeks, was held today. The jury brought is a verdiet of death by accidental drowning.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, May 25. Pensions of \$12 a month save been granted Philo J. Snyder, of Jermya, and Isaiah H. Sorber, of Shickshinny.

PRESIDENT **KEPT BUSY**

Programme Filled Up Every Minute from Morning Until Late at Night.

ASKED AN APPOINTMENT

When a Delegation of Federal Officials Called Upon Him He Asked That a Place Be Found for a Man Who Served in His Regiment During the Civil War and Who Is Now Disabled-Turned the First Sod Where the Monument to the American Navy Is to Be Erected in Honor of Admiral Dewey's

Victory. by Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press San Francisco, May 23,-President McKinley spent a fairly busy day. After breakfasting at the residence of Irving M. Scott, he returned to his temporary home and received a delegation of federal officials. The reception was very informal and lasted twenty minutes. President McKinley sition for an old man named Ritter, who served in his regiment during the Civil war. Mr. Ritter lost a leg in battle, and is now a resident of San

Leandro. The president remarked that this was the first appointment he had asked for, and hoped his old comrade would be provided for. The officials

promised to grant the request. The most important event of the day came next. It was the president's visit to the Presidio, where he reviewed the Forty-fifth and Fortysixth volunteer infantry regiments, just returned from the Philippines to be mustered out of service. When the president mounted the stand the soldiers cheered him, which he acknowledged with much feeling. The president next visited the general hospital, went through every sick ward, bowing and speaking words of

cheer to every sick soldier.

In the afternoon the president was he guest of honor at the receptions of the Union League club, the Ohio society of California, the Mexican War Veterans, Pioneers and Native Sons. The three latter societies presented him with a paper weight conreception the president responded On his way to dinner, President Me-Kinley stopped at Union Spuare and turned over the first shovel full of American navy, in commemoration of

Admiral Dewey's victory at Manila President McKinley attended a reception tonight given in his honor by the Grand Army of the Republic posts of the city. Tomorrow afternoon he will go to Oakland to review the

APPEARED AT THE WINDOW.

school children of that city.

Marked Improvement Noted in Mrs. McKinley's Condition.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. San Francisco, May 23.-Mrs. Mc-Kiniey was up to-day and was well mough to appear at her window and wave a farewell to the president as he departed for the military review at the Presidio.

While the present intention of the presidential party is to start for the east at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, this will not be positively decided upon until after a consultation of the tending physicians, which is to be held

at noon to-morrow. MURDER IN A COURT ROOM.

Witness Who Was Shot at During a Trial Kills Assailant.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Santa Fa., N. M. May 23.-William Par kwas shot and killed at Central Grant county, in the office of a justice of the prace during the preliminary examination of May Esmond, charged with a serious crime. James A. Wiley had given damag-

ing testimony, in which he used Park's name, and Park, jumping up from his chair, commenced firing at Wiley returned the fire and fatally wounded Park.

NEGRO CONFESSES MURDER.

Widow of Dr. Barnes, of Jacksonville. Freed from Suspicion.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Jacksonville, Ill., May 23.-William W. Ferguson, the negro held in connection with the poisoning of Dr. Joseph L. Barnes, to-day made a conression in which he admitted to the poisoned candy to the patient and fed it to him. The widow of the dead Justor will

Erie Selected.

Re Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Getty-burg, May 25, The Pennsylvania grand lodge, Independent Order of Cald Fellows, now in account here, today selected thin as the next place of meeting. Reading and Lebanous were in the contest. The meeting will close to-

************ WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 25, Forecast for Pri-day and Siturday, Eastern Pennsylvania Showers with lower temperature in acrthern, fair in southern portion Fri-Saturday, fair, with lower temper-fresh southeasterly winds becoming northwesterly

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