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SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 25, 1902.

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PROVISIONAL DECLARATION FOR A STRIKE

by the Gonvention of United Mine Workers in Session at Shamokin.

STATEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT MITCHELL

The Demands That Will Be Made by the United Mine Workers-Before Resorting to Strike an Appeal Will Be Made to the Executive Committee of the National Civic Federation - Mr. Mitchell Regards a Strike as Imminent.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shamokin, Pa., March 24.-Unless the efforts of the Civic Federation are effective with the coal operators, it is more than likely that a repetition of the struggle of 1900 will occur in the anthracite region. In that year 140,000 employes of the anthracite mines were out on strike for six weeks.

The convention today of Districts No. 1, 7 and 9, United Mine Workers of America, which districts comprise the entire anthracite field, made a provisional strike declaration, leaving the date to be decided upon by the executive boards of the three districts. This was practically the last official act of the delegates, and the convention adjourned sine die at 4 o'clock this after-

The adoption of the resolution containing the ultimatum of the mine workers was followed by a scene of wild enthusiasm and the opera house rang with the acclamations of the delegates who, with lusty cheers, approved the work of the special resolution committee and expressed their confidence in President Mitchell.

The convention from the first session showed a disposition to insist on an adjustment of the mine workers' grievances, but the delegates were willing to relinquish the question of recognition, providing other more important concessions were granted. This fact is evidenced in the resolution adopted today, which states as the chief demands, a shorter workday, a minimum day wage scale, a uniform increase in wages and the weighing of coal wherever practicable.

Strike Seems Imminent.

The Civic Federation is regarded by the delegates as the last hope of the mine workers in their demands for improved conditions, and the gravity of the situation is manifest in the words membership rolls of the union, the du-of President Mitchell: "I am free to ties of the remainder being of a charsay that to me a strike seems immi-

The resolution adopted today was the result of a difference of opinion among the delegates as to the methods to b pursued in enforcing the mine workers' Resolutions had been presented to the convention from all of the lowing telegram: districts, but none of them were satis- | Hon. M. A. Hanna, chairman of the industria factory to the entire body of delegates. It was then decided to place the matter in the hands of President Mitchell and e district presidents and vice-presidents. Before completing the draft of the resolution, President Mitchell telegraphed the presidents of the coaicarrying roads, making a last appeal for a conference.

The telegram was as follows:

By direction of miners' convention I wire to ascertain if your company will join other anthracite coal companies in conference with com- the National Civic Federation would mittee representing anthracite mine workers for purpose of discussing and adjusting grievances morning of this week at federation which affect all companies and all employes alike. Please answer.

union. Others made no response. The Mitchell and Franklin McVeagh. text of the replies were not made pub-

This resulted in the formulation of the resolution presented today, and according to President Mitchell it was adopted without a dissenting vote. The resolution provides for the appointment of a committee by the three executive boards, who will carry the mine workers' demands to the conciliation committee of the Civic Federation, with an appeal to that organization for assist-

The district executive boards met tonight to select the fourteen delegates who, under the provisions of the resolution, are to comprise the committee After the meeting President Mitchell said the members had not been named, but that men fitted for the mission by their knowledge of the situation in the anthracite coal region would be selected.

During the day President Mitchell was in communication by telephone with Secretary Ralph M. Easley, of the civic federation, to whom he announced the decision of the convention. organization is empowered by its constitution to use its good offices to prevent strikes when appealed to by one of the parties to the proposed rupture.

In the event of their failure to secure satisfactory concessions the committee appointed tonight will report to the district executive boards which were authorized by the convention to declare a strike,

The purpose of the convention in work at the mines three days in each week after April 1st, if negotiations have then pending, is to fair night's rest last night, but there is no prevent the storage of coal by the com-

A Resolution Unanimously Adopted panies by producing an amount sufficient only to supply the supply the ent only to supply the existing needs of

> President Mitchell said tonight there had been a misapprehension concerning the sentiment of the convention. All of the delegates favored conservatism he said, but they were unanimous in their demands for an adjustment of

Mr. Mitchell's Statement.

The resolution presented at today's session of the convention of the United Mine Workers of America by the special committe appointed Saturday made a provisional strike declaration, ind was unanimously adopted. After its adoption, President Mitchell

nade this statement: Our convention today unanimously adopted the commendations submitted by a special commi-e composed of the district presidents and vice

presidents and myself.

The resolution recites the efforts made by the representatives of the anthracite mine workers to secure a joint conference; calls attention to the repeated violations of the promises conveyed in their notices, posted one year ago, as well as their failure to carry out the verbal under-standing reached with the representatives of the coal carrying railroads last March.

The resolution also calls attention to the wag

scale which was drafted and unanimously adopt ed by the convention, the essential features of which are: A shorter work day, a minimum day wage scale, a uniform increase in wages atte the weighing of coal wherever the phys ditions of mining would make it practicable, It further explains that upon investigation is found that the average annual carnings of the inthracite mine worker is considerably less than in any other important industry, while the num-ber of fatalities and injuries, in proportion to the number of persons employed, is greater than any other industry.

The resolution then declares that the min workers cannot with honor to themselves or in justice to those dependent upon them continue at work during the coming year, under the present low wages and indefinite conditions of emdovment, and provides for a general suspension of work to take effect upon a date to be designated by the executive boards of Districts 1, 7 and 9.

It provides, however, that before resorting to uch drastic measures, and with a lingering hope for a peaceful solution of the perplexing problem an appeal will be made to the executive committee of the industrial department of the Na tional Civic Federation. Should the Civic Federation refuse to act, or should they fall in their efforts to effect a satisfactory adjustment prior to April 1, and if, after that date nego tiations are still pending, all anthracite min workers except those necessary to keep the mines in repair shall remain away from the mines, strippings, washeries and breakers on Tuesdays i strike take place no settlement will be made in any separate district and will not terminate until it has been officially declared ended by a convention representing the three anthracite di

Federation has not yet been appointed.

Commenting on the action of the concention, President Mitchell said: "I am free to confess a strike is imminent." Should a strike occur as a result of today's declaration, over 144,000 mine workers would be rendered idle. Of this number nearly 120,000 are on the acter which renders them ineligible to

Appeal to Civic Federation.

New York, March 24.-Ralph M. Easley, secretary of the National Civic Federation, today made public the fol-

department, National Civic Federation, New

Authracite mine workers have failed in their fforts to effect a settlement of wage scale and raye declared for a suspension of work, to take officers. I am directed to appeal to industrial epartment of Civic Federation for its inte ention to avert the threatened industrial con John Mitchell,

President United Mine Workers of America. Notice was given tonight by Mr. Easley that the concillation committee of hold a special session Wednesday headquarters here to consider the threatened miners' strike. Senator He received several replies, one of Hanna has telegraphed from Washingwhich was from President Baer, of the | ton that he will attend, and others who Philadelphia and Reading Coat and are expected at the meeting are Bishop Iron company, and all of which refused Potter, Oscar Straus, Charles A. Moore to meet the representatives of the Frank P. Sargent, James Duncan, John

POSTAL EMBEZZLERS RECEIVE SENTENCE

Ten Years' Imprisonment and Heavy Fines for Neely, Reeves and Rathbone.

ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Havana, March 24.-The trials before he Audencia court of the cases arising from the embezzlement of Cuban posta funds have resulted in the following sentences: C. W. F. Neely, ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$56.

W. H. Reeves, ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$25,000. Estes G. Rathbone, ten years' imorisonment and to pay a fine of \$35,624.

GLOVE CONTESTS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Philadelphia, March 24.-"Tim" Callahan, o city, had slightly the better of the six-go with "Joe" Bernstein, of New York, at he Washington Sporting club tonight. The me out up a fast bout. Chicago, March 21.—"Kid" Carter, of Brooklyn mocked out Joe Choyniski, of Chicago, tonight

Condition of Rhodes

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Cape Town, March 25.-Cecil Rhodes had

Cuba's President-elect the Guest of Mr. Roosevelt.

By Exclusive Wire from the Amociated Frem. Washington, March 24.-Mr. T. Estrada Palma, the president-elect of Cuba, met President Roosevelt in his official capacity for the first time tonight, when the former was the guest of honor at an informal dinner at the white house. The affair was intended as a mark of courtesy to Presidentelect Palma, who expressed his high appreciation of the honor showed him. The others present were Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary and Mrs. Root, Minister and Mrs. Bellamy Storer, General Leonard Wood, Senor Conzales de Quesada and Diego Tamayo, well-known Cubans who came over from New York with General Palma this afternoon.

While the affair was largely of social character, the prospective transfer of Cuba from the Americans to the new government provided for by the recent constitutional convention, was discussed and questions incident thereto received consideration. The actual date of transfer of government, it is said, has not been definitely determined upon as yet. The date has been tentatively fixed as May 1, and the officials of this government have believed it could be accomplished by that time More recently, however, it has become apaprent that for various reasons there may have to be a postponement of the transfer to a date later in the month.

SENATE CONSIDERS OLEOMARGARINE BILL

A Measure to Place a Tax of Ten Cents a Pound on the Colored Article-Supported by Proctor.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press Washington, March 24.-Consideration was begun by the senate today of what is popularly known as the oleomargarine bill. The measure places a tax of ten cents per pound on oleomargarine colored in imitation of butter. and reduces the present tax of two Carolina; Representative De Armond, cents per pound on oleomargarine to

one-quarter of one cent a pound in its

uncolored state.

Mr. Proctor, of Vermont, chairman of the committee on agriculture, made the opening statement in support of the measure. He concluded with the observation that the pending measure was measure to protect an honest product against a fraud.

A few bills of minor importance were passed before the bill was taken up.

CHOLERA AT MANILA.

Regard the Situation as Serious. Chaffee's Plan Approved.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 24.-Surgeon General Sternberg has received official advices from Manila confirming the press reports of the existence of Asiatic cholera and plague in the Philippines, but does not regard the situation as serious, being confident of the ability of the medical authorities to prevent an epidemic of either contagion.

The plan of General Chaffee to expedite the departure of the remaining battalion of the Third infantry from Manila on the transport Grant a week ahead of schedule time, as a precautionary measure against the possible spread of the cholera to troops returning to the United States, is approved at the war department.

DISCUSSING CUBA.

Important Conference Held at the War Department Yesterday.

y Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press Washington, March 24.-An important conference was held at the war department this afternoon between Secretary Root and General Wood, military governor of Cuba, in regard to Cuban affairs. It is understood that it related mainly to legislation necessary to put the new Cuban republic on a sound commercial basis at the outset of its career.

General Wood has expressed the op'n ion that the proposed twenty per cent. reduction on Cuban imports will not afford the desired relief to Cuba. He is endeavoring to secure more liberal oncessions for the island.

General Wood also discussed Cubar affairs with the president today. Senators Platt, of New York; Hale, Spooner and Quay dropped in during the conference and gave their views on

Two Students Drowned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Ithaca, N. Y., March 24.—Antonio Ostos, of Mexico, and John Watson, of London, Eng., two students of Cascadilla Preparatory school here, are reported to have been drowned while sailing on Lake Cayuga yesterday. They were last seen at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At that time strong wind was blowing. The school authori ties have organized searching parties to loo for the missing students.

Corporations Chartered. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press,

Harrichurg, March 24 .- The following charter ere issued at the state department today: The Pittsburg Piston Packing company, Pittsburg; capital, \$12,000, Warren Chemical company, Bradford; capital, \$29,000; Union Supply company, Scottdale; capital, \$1,000

Both Legs Cut Off.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, March 24.—Both legs were today empletely severed from the body of Julius Pish-er, a 17-year-old colored boy, employed at the Pennaylvania Steel works, Steelton. Pisher wa gauge tracks in the works.

Pennsylvania Tunnel Bill.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 24.-Mayor Low today signed Manhattan. The bill now goes to the governo

PALMA AT THE WHITE HOUSE. MR. WATTERSON **ON ISSUES**

He Galls Attention to the Evils That Threaten the Downfall of the Nation.

TERRORS OF THE MAN ON HORSEBACK

The Kentucky Journalist Believes That President Roosevelt Wishes to (Tenn.) were appointed conferres. light-A Glance at the Halls of ferrees. Congress Where "Old High Tariff Dances the Can-Can."

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Washington, March 24.-About 150 guests were present tonight at the biennial banquet of the Virignia Democratic association held in the banquet roon of the Metropolitan hotel, They included Democrats of national prominence and most of the political leaders and Democratic members of congress from the old dominion. Owing to the fact that the constitutional convention is in session and that the Virginia generel assembly is nearing its close, Gov. Montague, Senator Daniel and Attorney General Anderson, were unable to be present and sent their regrets. Col. Robert N. Harper, president of the association, acted as toastmaster. Those who spoke included the following:

T. W. Bullock, of Kentucky; Senator Carmack, of Tennessee; Mr. Lewis Nixon, the leader of Tammany hall; Representative Kitchen, of of Missouri and members of congress

from Virginia. Col. Watterson urged on Democrats a general union of forces in opposition to imperialism in all forms. He said:

His Virginia Blood.

There is no drop of blood in my veins which not Virginia blood. Although for purposes ny own, having a deep design beneath them, hoose this capital of the nation for my birth place, my earliest vision of paradise—the very dawn of all my conceptions of honor and duty and glory nestled among yonder hills, across the Potomac, and when I go hence, my ashes shall repose upon the bosom of Kentucky, Virginia's list born and fairest daughter. There seems anyhow, being a Kentuckian and a Democrat We are Democrats. We love our country, Our hearts heat true to its institutions. We would the are converting it into a government of the trusts, for the trusts and by the trusts, and | trip, estore it to the hands of those who will have ame regard for the rights of the people. The Republican party is a syndicated party. Arbitrary power is its motive, the almighty dollar its rademark. If it is not checked in the gait it is republic.

The Man on Horseback.

Once again in the white house we have the dan on Horseback. Affecting the simplicity of the cowboy, he conceals beneath the self-con idence and queer manners of the broncho buste the sentiments and ambitions, if not the talent of a Diaz. To him, a little thing like treating at idmiral of the navy, wearing the laurel of imperishable renown, as if he were a baby i rms, now to be dandled and now to be spanke merely an undress affair begun and luring off moments between breakfast and lunch on. To him the reprimanding of the lieutenan general of the army, grown gray in the fighting of the battles of his country, becomes an armsing horseplay, meant to relax his muscles and illustrate his high mightiness, whilst warning lesser officers of the army to obey orders and say As these things go forward, partaking somewhat of the character of feats to divert and blinds to boodwink public opinion, a bill of army re-organization is prepared and urged upon congress, which, if it becomes a law, will make the power of the president absolute, and which it is not too much to say, to be entitled. "An folio, or ever had contemplated retiract to make the president of the United States a military dictator." Because the reprimanded He refused to discuss the reports that lieutenant general, answering the auminous of a committee of congress-as was his duty-expresses oninion adverse to this bill, it is proposed o retire him from the service. Taken in pection with some other matters of more or les inister suggestion these are menaces of most

minous import. But, turn from the white house to the capitol, nd look at the Republicans in congress. rail of the trademark is over them all. high tariff dances the can-can in the house whilst old ship subsidy does the regulation cake walk in the senate. Everything for the syndi cates. Nothing for the people. And, not conhouse and their power in congress, the leaders of this party of federalism and false pretension would rip open Pandora's bax to filch thence the By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. black, phatical flag of negro domination-the equally disreputable and bloody shirt of sections igitation, and, in order to make sure of the next ouse they are proposing to bring forward an other force bill to smite the south; to blight the north, and to convert a land teeming with love and peace into a land resking with hate and strife. Such is the banquet to which the of Roosevelt, the rough rider, has invited us.

Something of a Jingo.

I am something of a jingo myself. I believe n the expanding greatness and glory of my country. I never see the flag floating above the lomes on yonder capital that my heart do not throb with the proud, glad thought—that my eyes do not fill with happy, exultant tears that I too am an American citizen. God ble the flag, and God bless the boys that fight be neath it. I would carry it inviolate. I would been them spotless. And, with this in view, eant to know what is going on away out cross the multitudinous, the mysterious wave of the Pacific sea. I want other witnesses that self-weeking politicians and self-exploiting flers to come here and tell me. I refuse to h my tongue. I refuse to rest content. And, it can told by a whipper-snapper in shoulder strap that, unless I do, I am a traiter to my country my reply to him shall be a slap in the face. Friends, brothers, Democrats, let us have do with dissention. Let us turn our backs on the past, our eyes to the future, calling the of light off and the old scores square. He will stands with me against these things, is my con-rade, no matter what he thinks, or ever though about silver or gold. He who would deny m the bill authorizing the Pennsylvania ratiroad place to his side to fight them, must either to construct a tunnel under the North river, and to build two railroad stations in the borough of no bridges till we come to them. But already

no further; we, too, are in the expansion of the constitution no less than for the religion of Christ and Him crucified; our expansion neans peace, not war; the honor, not the degra dation of the flag; and just as surely as Jeffe Jackson fought the battle of New Orleans—to resist despotism—shall we make a new Fourth of July and celebrate another eighth of January, in resisting this uprighteous scheme to abolish the

WAR TAX REPEAL CONFERENCE House Names Payne, Dalzell and

nstitution and Mexicanize the government.

Richardson as Conferees. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Washington, March 24.-In the house today the senate amendments to the bill to repeal the war revenue taxes

were non-concurred in and the bill was sent to conference. Messrs. Payne (N. Y.), Dalzell (Pa.) and Richardson A similar course was taken with re-Be Dictator-The Awful Deeds of ference to the legislative, executive and the Republican Party Held Under Judicial appropriation bill, and Messrs. Bingham (Pa.), Heminway (Ind.) and the Glare of the Oratorical Search- Livingston (Ga.), were appointed con-

HORSEWHIPPED THE MAYOR OF TOPEKA

A Protege of Carrie Nation Wields the Rawhide-Something in Store for the Governor.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Topeka, Kan., March 24.-Miss Blanche Boise, a protege of Mrs. Nation, horsewhipped Mayor Parker, in his office at the city building, today. Three times she slashed the mayor, and he then sprang at her, tore the rawhide out of her hand and pushed her into the hall. As Miss Boise was thrust out of the office, she exclaimed: "Thank God, I've done it: I've horsewhipped you, and now I'm going to horsewhip

the governor. Before beginning her horsewhipping, Miss Boise gave the mayor a severe scolding and accused him of being responsible for the fact that the joints are running openly in Topeka. She then pulled the horsewhip from the folds of her dress and before the mayor knew what had happened she struck him three times across the head and shoulders. Miss Boise is about 25 years of age, and is a nurse by profession.

MUSICIAN DROWNED.

J. H. Hahn, of the Detroit Conservatory-His Career.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Pres-Detroit, March 24 .- J. H. Hahn, director of the Detroit conservatory of music and a musician widely known through Anynow, being a Remineral and you will not, I hope, out the country, was drowned this think me assuming any consequential airs and morning at Engleside his country home out the country, was drowned this determine what use shall be made of it. at Carey lake, near Constantine. Details of the drowning have not been escue the government from the hands of those received. Mr. Hahn left here for Engleside last Friday morning on a fishing

Mr. Hahn was a composer of reputation as well as a teacher. He was born in Philadelphia n 1847. His musical progress was suc, that he played in public at the age of 7 years. At 17 he assumed charge of the musical department of the Cold Water, Mich., female seminary, where he remained years. After a course of study in Europe he located here in 1872 where he has remained since. Mr. Hahn was formerly president of the Musical Teachers National association and president of the Michigan Musical Teachers association.

MR. HITCHCOCK NOT TO RESIGN. Secretary of Interior, Back in Wash-

ington, Contradicts Reports. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 24. - Secretary Hitchcock has returned from St. Louis, where he was called by the serious illness and subsequent death of his brother. He denied that he had any intention of resigning his cabinet port-

have been current, beyond asserting that they were without foundation. He replied in the negative when asked if he might not find it necessary to resign in order to take up the responsibilities that had formerly devolved upon his brother in directing their private business in the west.

AN EVANGELIST STRICKEN.

'No Man Knoweth When the Son of Man Shall Come," Were Her Last Words.

Millville, N. J., March 24.-While delivering an address before a large con-gregation last night in the Co-Workers' hall, Mrs. Thomas Hogan, a woman evangelist, was stricken with apoplexy and dropped dead.

The last words she uttered were: "No man knoweth when the Son of Man shall come." She fell to the platform as the last word escaped her lips, and before a physician arrived she was dend.

Miller Drops Dead.

special to the Scranton Tribune. Stroudsburg, March 21 .- Mr. Robert Huddle of Smoyer & Huddleson, the well known millers dropped dead, presumably, of vertibe, while re-pairing some belts in the milt, Deceased was 63 years old, and has worked in a number of nills in this section, being a thoroughly prac-

Fusion in Luzerne By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, March 24 .- At a meeting of the

Democratic county committee today a resolution

was adopted pledging the Luzerne Democracy to fusion with the independent Republicans in the next state campaign if, in the opinion of the Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. New York, March 24.-Cleared: Kaiser Wilstelm Der Grosse, Bremen via Psymouth and Gibraltar-Arrived:

PEACE TERMS OFFERED BOERS

MINISTER DISAPPEARS.

Friends of Rev. J. C. Bennett, Pasto of the M. E. Church at Lansford, Alarmed at His Absence.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lancaster, March 24.-The mysterious disappearance of Rev. J. C. Bennett, pastor of the Methodist church at Lansford, and his failure to arrive at the conference at Columbia, is causing great worriment to his wife and fellow

members He left his home at Lansford Tuesday of last week to attend conference arriving at Harrisburg the same day. He went to a hotel there registered and left his baggage. He then started for n walk, and was last seen going towards the river. He had with him \$300, which his church was sending to conference. A number of inquiries have been sent by his wife, but despite strenuous efforts of his friends to find him, not a single trace was obtained from the time he was seen going towards the Susquehanna. His baggage is still at the hotel. Rev. Mr. Bennett is 35 years old, and has four children There is great apprehension among some of the members of the conference that he has met with foul play.

STATEMENT

The Official Records Omit Many Features in Published Reports.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Washington, March 24. - General Miles has received a transcript of the record of his testimony before the senate military committee, and was engaged today in revising it in accordance with the practice of the committee in such cases, before it is printed in the form of an official document. It will be for the committee to determine whether or not this document shall be

given to the press. General Miles takes the ground that his testimony was requested solely for the information of the committee and that it is for the committee alone to The transcript now in the hands of General Miles is in manuscript and on being returned to the committee, probably tomorrow, will be sent to the government printing office to be pub-

lished in official form. The stenographer's report was submitted to General Miles and the official report indicates that he followed closely the written statement he had prepared and read to the committee. The main facts of the general's opposition to the war department staff army bill were given at the time. Some features, however, not reported at the time, are of interest. Concerning the inspector general's department, he said: In the bill under consideration, it is proposed abolish entirely the corps of inspegive been most instrumental in army up to its high character and ethelency an chainistration, and, on the other hand, in e couraging and reporting preritorious conductivities and ability in all the different con-

mands and departments of the service, Speaking of the general efficiency of pay, quarter masters and commissary

departments, he said: The three departments mentioned have render nost efficient service in the great Civil war, the wars of the frontier, the Spanish-American xu and in the Philippines and China. The malad inistration in the commissary department that ecasioned so much suffering in 1898 was not th fault of the system, but of those responsible e its administration and, since it was exposed and corrected, I am not aware that a single -ass has been reported where a soldier has not to the commissary and pay departments, respective artermasters' department.

the bill: It is centralization of the most pronounced type, augments the power of the staff and in will so modify the situation as to bring effect removes it further from touch with the peace nearer. ighting torce of the army. The scheme is revo-urionary, easts to the winds the lessons of ex-scrience, and abandons methods which successally carried us through the most memorable ar epochs of our history. The proposed plan but an effort to adopt and toster, in a se s but an enout to amply and toater, in a ve-sibilities form of government, such as ours, a sys-em possibility adapted to monarchies having inmense standing armies. It would seem to Ger-nanize and Russianize the small army of the

United States. General Miles said that before the toria astonished the Boer circles here Spanish war began he called on President McKinley and that when the president said he supposed the army was ready he (General Miles) said:

The army, as far as the personnel is concerned, teady for any service, but there is much done in the way of equipment and the delet of the coast, which cought to be supplied at the The president, he added, consulted

nembers of congress and the \$50,000,000 defense fund was voted, In addition to the portion of the statement heretofore published showing how the president could by promotions make a captain chief of staff with the grade of licutement general, Gen-

eral Miles said: It seems to me you are threating the dode open for a future desput or an autocra-is not in my judgment in accordance wit principle and theory of democratic govern mean, and for the best interests of the army, which has existed more than a hundred years and fulfilled all your requirements, to adop

such a scheme. Cut in Two by a Train.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, March 24.-James Finney, aged 25 train last night, while walking on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at Lucknow.

There Will Be No Banishment If the

GENERAL KITCHENER REPLIES TO SCHALK

Military Leaders Gonclude

to Surrender.

The Burger's Request for Peace Seems to Have Been Received with Favor-Transvaal Leader Goes to Consult with President Steyn. London Is Not So Sanguine-Astonishment at the Hague.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, March 24.—There is good reaon to believe that Lord Kitchener, in his interview with Mr. Schalk-Berger, agreed to withdraw the banishment proclamation, issued in September, if General De Wet and the other Boer

enders surrendered. In the house of commons today the ar secretary, Mr. Brodrick, announced that a fortnight ago Mr. Schalk-Berger, the acting president of the Transvaal Boers, intimated to Lord Kitchener his desire to be granted a safe conduct through the British lines and back, in order to see Mr. Steyn, formerly president of the Orange Free State, with reference to the possibility of peace proposals. Lord Kitchener, with the consent of the government, had acceded to

the request. The announcement of the war secre-

tary was received with cheers. Little disposition is feit here, however, to regard the visit of the representatives of the Boer government to Pretoria any too hopefully. Official circles express the doubts held through out of the ability of Acting President Schalk-Berger and the other civilian leaders of the Boers to induce such men as Generals De Wet and De La Rey to surrender. Possibly, they think, the representatives of the Transvaal government are desirous of suing for peace, but there is nothing to show that they have any authority to impose submis sion on the commanders in the field. The most hopeful sign they see is the announcement that Lord Kitchener ermitted Mr. Schalk-Berger and his companions to proceed to the Orange River Colony, the contention being that unless the British commander in chief in South Africa, who is on the spot and therefore most thoroughly conversant with the situation, recognized the possibility of fruitful results and believed in the good faith of the Transvaniers he would not have permitted the visitors to continue their journey the headquarters of their Orange

River Colony allies.

Cautious Reserve. The same cautious reserve permeates the newspaper utterances and the comment in well-informed circles. Some significance is attached to the fact that n approaching Lord Kitchener Mr. Schalk-Burger and those associated with him have carried out to the letter the advice given by the British foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne, in his reply to the peace note of the Netherlands government, that the quickest and most satisfactory means for arranging a settlement would be by direct communication between the leaders of the Boers and the British commander in chief in South Africa. But there is no sign that the Transvaal mission received any mandate from the lighting generals or that the latter are prepared to recognize the authority of their acting president. Mr. Schaik-Burger, to ne-

gotiate terms for peace. Presumably the latter satisfied Lord Kitchener that he had certain clearly defined proposals to submit to his ally, President Steyn. But the best infor-, and these have been promptly transparted mation from South Africa deprecates him through the efficient management of his any belief in the likelihoost of a simultaneous surrender of the burghers still Further along, General Miles said of in the field on the order of the Boer government. Almost the best to be hoped for is that the present overtures

The St. James's Gazette extracts from the unilluminative despatches thus far received from Pretoria theory that Mr. Schalk-Burger and the other members of his party possibly have already surrendered and have been released on parole for the purpose of seeing President Steyn and De Wet.

The Hague, March 24.-Acting President Schalk-Burger's arrival at Pre-It was surmised that the step taker was connected with the instructions sent to Lord Kitchner to communicate the text of the Anglo-Dutch notes to the Hoer leaders.

An Armistice Arranged

Lnodon, March 25 .- The Daily Chron le, this morning, asserts that an armistice has been arranged pending the duration of Schalk-Burger's mission to Gen. De Wet and that offensive operations against De la Rey and Botha will be suspended. The three generals have agreed to observe the armistics honorably until the return of the envoys to the Boers lines. It is believed ontinues the Daily Chronicle, that the envoys, after acquainting Botha with the result of their mission, will again confer with Lord Kitchner although no arrangement for the second confer-

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ence has actually been made.

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