TWO CENTS.

# FATAL EXPLOSION IN PAPER MILI

Eight Workmen Known to Have Been Killed at Wilmington, Delaware.

THE BUILDINGS ARE COMPLETELY WRECKED

Havoc Wrought by the Explosion of Two Steel Digesters in the Pulp Mills-Eight Dead; Six Missing and Three Badly Injured-One Digester Is Blown Into the Air and Falls 250 Feet Away-The Wreckage on Fire-Victims Are Terribly Mangled.

TWO CENTS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Wilmington, Del., Aug. 20.-Eight THE A.O.H. CONVENTION workmen are known to have been killed, six are missing and three others were badly injured by the explosion of two steel digesters in the Delaware Pulp mills of the Jessup and Moose Paper company, on the Christianic river, this afternoon. The known dead

FRANK HARRIS. WILLIAM BURKE. JAMES NAGLE. JOHN M'CORMICK.
ZACHARIAH COLLINS (colored) JAMES STOKES.
JOSEPH LUMBACHER. GRANVILLE WATERS

The missing are:

WILLIAM SCOTT, fireman. JOSEPH HENRY, fireman JOEL HUTTON, fireman. WILLIAM RUTH, fireman. E. H. MOUSLEY. JAMES SWEENEY.

The injured are: James Jester, badly injured; recovery

John Collins, burned and inhaled flames. George Durham, burned and scalded; recovery doubtful.

Tre digesters were located in a twostory building. There were ten of them in the building, each one resembling a yat and about six feet in diameter. the following: "hey were used for reducing the wood

## Buildings Completely Wrecked.

There were two terrific reports, and the next instant the buildings and other mills about the structure were completely wrecked. One digester was blown into the air and fell to the ground, two hundred and fifty feet away. A dense volume of smoke for a time prevented the outside workmen from going to the immediate rescue of those who were caught in the ruins of the falling building. Several men made their escape without any injury. An alarm of fire was sounded and the entire fire department of the city and a large force of police were soon on the ground and the work of rescue was immediately begun. Several of the workmen were taken out unconscious, only to die after being removed to hospitals. The wreckage was piled up for more than thirty feet and the escaping steam made the work of rescue rather difficult.

Those who were not killed outright were mangled and burned by escaping acid that flowed over their bodies from the broken digesters. Up to this writing, eight persons are dead, and according to the officials of the company at least six others are in the ruins. To add to the horror of the disaster, the wreckage took fire, but after some difficulty the fire department managed to subdue the flames and the work of rescue was continued.

Steam was used in the digestors. The officers of the company think that too much steam was generated in them and that this was the cause of the explosion. The monetary loss is estimated at \$35,000.

## FIGHT FOR BALL PLAYERS.

Now Being Waged with Great Vigor

by American League Officials. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Aug. 20.-The fight for players for next season is being waged with great vigor by the American Bishop and Thomas Mulligan, of Ken-League officials, and according to President Barney Dreyfuss,of the Pittsburg club, not the cleanest methods are being adopted. Catcher "Jack O'Connor was today suspended by Mr. Dreyfuss for violation of section 5 of contract. Concerning this move Mr. Dreyfuss this evening made the following statement to the Associated

The causes leading up to this summary action on my part have been brewing for some time, but the crisis was reached today when I was compelled to take this step in order that I might meet the issue in the attempt which is being made to wreck the

'Last night Charles W. Somers, who is the vice president of the American League, came to Pittsburg on a gum

'Accompanying him was one Ban B. Johnson, the president of that league, who came to aid his partner. Somers and Johnson made their way carefully to the Liacoln hotel, where Somers registered as J. A. Benham, Saginaw, Mich. Johnson did not register. This morning the plot began to unfold when O'Connor appeared on the scene, with one of our signed players. After a protracted conference both players departed, and O'Connor returned a short time afterward with another of our if reaching for a weapon, and Brooks players. Later a meeting was held was wounded by a stray ball at the players. Later a meeting was held was wounded by with two more of our players with time Bishop fell.

O'Connor present. Mr. Somers, alias a revision of the laws and constitution. Benham, then arranged to leave on the Carbondale was chosen for the next 6 o'clock train for Cleveland. By this meeting place, Grand Temple Rathbone time, however, he became aware that Sisters, the female branch of the his presence in Pittsburg was known Knights of Pythias held their annual to the officials of the Pittsburg club, meeting tonight. A material increase and he tried all he could to save Johnson from public view, but every movement of theirs was known.

"I don't believe they signed any of our players, and I hope the net results of their efforts will be shown in the future to be nothing.

"I have treated our men well and am

willing to pay them as much as anybody can honestly promise to pay.
"If, notwithstanding, any of our players at the expiration of their contracts choose to leave the Pittsburg club, well and good. But I will not stand for any treachery or disloyalty from anybody while in my employ. "No player can be a stool pigeon for the American league and draw salary from the Pittsburg club at the same

"I don't object to legitimate competition for the services of ball players."

# AT WILKES-BARRE

C. C. Donovan, of Scranton, Elected Vice-President-Other Officers. The Resolutions Adopted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Aug. 20.-Today's session of the Ancient Order of Hibernians' state convention were taken up with the reading of reports from committees, the adoption of a number of resolutions and the election of officers. One thousand dollars was also voted to the striking miners. The total membership of the order in Pennsylvania is 23,202. Since the last report \$100,965,45 has been paid out for sick and funeral expenses; paid for charitable pur-poses, \$18,040.47; paid for maintenance, \$30,587.82. There is a balance in the treasury of \$126,789.45.

The officers elected were: President, Patrick Donohue, Philadelphia; vices president, C. C. Donovan, Scranton; secretary, John P. Gibbons, Hudson; reasurer, John P. Kelly, Pittsburg. Among the resolutions adopted were

We renew our vows of unswerving loyto pulp. Eighteen men were at work alty to our sovereign pontiff. Leo XIII. and to the teachings of the Roman Catholic church and pledging again our unfaltering devotion to this republic, where, plessings of civil and religious liberty, and equality of opportunity, our race has forged to the foremost place. We congratulate the people of Ireland upon their unconquerable allegiance to know that the race that survived the trocities of Cromwell, Henry, Elizabeth and Victoria, will not perish beneath the iniquities of Edward, Balfour, Wyndham and Chamberlain, and we promise to the hierarchy, priests and poeple of united reland our enthusiastic and continuous support in the great battle they are now waging for land and liberty. We desire to place upon record our

sense of the great loss this order sus-tained in the death of the patriotic priest—Rev. Edward S. Phillips We hereby give voice to our sympathy the striking coal miners of this state in their efforts to secure an adequate return for their labor and we recommend that the president of the United States, in view of the widespread disress attendant upon the diminution of the supply of anthracite, tender to the

operating corporations his good offices as We recommend to our state officers to aid by every means in their power the federation of Catholic societies and we hereby authorize them to take whatever can design and the hand execute. Hunection that may be necessary, in the name of the Ancient Order of Hibernians f Pennsylvania, to co-operate with Sishop McFaul and his co-laborers th their great effort for union.

#### DESPERATE BATTLE IN KENTUCKY PRISON

Prisoners Make a Futile Attempt to Break Out of Jail-One Killed and Two Wounded.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press,

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 20.-Fired by desire to gain their freedom, Wallace ton county, and Lafayette Brooks, of Morgan county, all murd rers and des perate criminals, made a futile attempt escape from the state prison here this morning. As a result, Bishop died tonight. Brooks is shot through the shoulder, and Alfred Ransom, colored, a Louisville murderer, who, for a few moments essayed to follow the three daring leaders, is suffering from wound in the shoulder.

The mutiny, which lasted for four and a half hours and ended in an ignominous surrender by the convicts caused great excitement within the prison and among the people of Frankfort. The prisoners chose the breakfast hour for their dash for liberty, when they hoped to stampede ; large number of prisoners. They over powered the guards with their pistols disarmed Foreman Willis and, using him as a shield, entrenched themselves in a room, where they defied the guards. It was not until they discovered that Warden Eph Lillard intended to starve them out that they de-

cided to surrender. Ransome was shot while the men were entrenched. Bishop was wounded as he was surrendering, because when told to hold up his hands he attempted to put one of them in his pockets, as

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Sessions of the Grand Lodge Are Held at Sunbury.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Sunbury, Pa., Aug. 20 .- At this mornng's session of the grand lodge Knights of Pythias, the finances of the organ-ization were thoroughly examined and found to be in excellent condition.

The afternoon session was devoted to in membership and finaces was shown by the reports of the officers.

#### PRESIDENT DISAPPROVES FACTIONAL DIFFERENCES

Expresses Himself in No Uncertain Terms Upon the Subject.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 20.-President Roosevelt today, in no uncertain terms, expressed his disapproval of factional differences in the Republican party, C. A. Lyon, chairman of the Republican state committe, of Texas, alled upon him and presented his side of the controversy which has arisen among the Republicans of the Lone Star state.

The president stated to him, with the utmost emphasis, that no man had any authority to speak for the president as regarding Texan matters, that the president was taking no side for or against any man or faction among the Texan Republicans, that, as a matter of fact, the president was exceedingly mpatient with those Republicans who went into factional divisions and that in any such states as Texas or Virginia, or any other state in which the had a chance to do something, the president felt the credit would fall to those Republican leaders who were able to make a good showing at the polls, especially for congressional candidates, and not to those who spent their time in plotting how they could get delegates or receive offices. He told Mr. Lyon that he could explain this to all Texan Republicans of every faction. The president also told him that if

ver, in any such Southern state, a Re publican congressman was elected, it yould amount to far more in the president's mind than anything which could be done in the way of offices, and that he felt there was little need of recognition for any organization which existed only for offices and delegates.

#### SARATOGA FLORAL FETE.

Preparations for the Grand Spectacular Event at the Well Known Watering Place.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Saratoga, Aug. 20 .- Preparations are in a satisfactory state of progress for the grand fete that is to be held at Saratoga on the afternoon and eventhe cause of Ireland—a nation. That we, ing of Thursday, Sept. 4. To the ob-the exiles and sons of exiles of Erin, server of the work that is going on in server of the work that is going on in the big shop, it must appear that nothing has ever been attempted before at he Spa that will come any where near equalling the pageant that will be seen on that evening. More than one hundred men are at work putting together and touching up the immense floats that have arrived from New Orleans that will be used in this grand parade. A pretty sight they will make n the glare of the thousands of lights that will be thrown upon them. The gold and white so artistically blended that always count so much in the gala attire of chariots and other processionil vans, has been given new applications and the surfaces that they cover will be as so many mirrors. The evening parade is said to be the prettiest and grandest ever seen at New Orleans The coloring is gorgeous, the general

scheme artistic, the figure representadreds of pretty girls in glistening attire will participate in the parade as the representatives of mythological characters, while scores and scores of Grecian torchbearers will mingle with parti-colored flaming censor carriers, and combine with the grandeur, the brillancy and splendor of the floats to make such a scene as is read of only in the "Arabian Nights" or "Lalla Rookh." There will be some of the weirdness of Egypt, the gorgeousness of Arabia and the Grecian apotheosis of beauty. The horses that draw the golden chariots, will be decked as were the steeds in the triumphal processions of antiquity, thousands of roses will be thrown into the air to herald the approach and make noisless their hoof thuds, less they disturb the nerves and thoughts of Proteus, the mythological God of knowledge in whose honor the fete is held, in whose name the incense of Greece will be burned and the songs of

mythology sung. The whole event will prove a veritable rainbow in the night time. This Proteus parade was the finest thing ever shown in the history of the New Orleans Mardi Gras. It will be given in its entirety at Saratoga, and all the concomitant New Orleans characteristice of the fete religiously observed.

## REMINGTON'S REMAINS.

Will Be Buried Today at Williamsport-Family Declines to Talk.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Willamsport, Pa., Aug. 26,-The re mains of Robert Reading Remington, who committed suicide at Newport, R. I., Monday last arrived here at a late hour tonight, accompanied by his brother, Edward P. Remington. The body will be buried in the family plot at Wildwood cemetery tomorrow after-

noon. Interment will be private. When seen by the Associated Press correspondent on his arrival here tonight, Mr. Remington upon the advice of his atterney, declined to make any statement regarding his brother's suicide or as to the condition of his personal affairs. He also declined to state whether or not he had in his possession the private papers alleged to have pass-ed between the deceased and the Van

## THE NAVAL **WAR BEGINS**

Maneuvers on the North Atlantic Goast Now Under

Way.

#### HIGGINSON'S SHIPS TO FIND THE ENEMY

Commander Pillsbury's Squadron of Invasion Has Been at Sea Since Saturday-His Object to Effect a Landing Between New York and Boston by Eluding Defenders.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Rockport, Mass., Aug. 20.-The inique war game in which the rival fleets of Admiral Francis J. Higginon and Commander John E. Pillsbury are pitted against each other began at noon today. The North Atlantic coast is now threatened by a theoretically powerful squadron of hostile ships, from the attack of which an equally able fleet will attempt to defend. This is the first series of manoeuvres in which the ships will participate, and it will be under the direction of the navy department alone Such practice as follows the conclusion of this first contest will be the Republican party is in a minority, but joint work of the army and navy department. Commander Pillsbury's fleet, which is known as the white squadron, sailed from Provincetown on Monday and is now at sea. Its present whereabouts is unknown to Admiral Higginson, whose force is known as the blue squadron.

It was understod that the latter fleet which made its apeparance in this harbor last Saturday, would, under the rules of the contest, remain here until afternoon today. At any time after mony in the case, that hour Admiral Higginson was free to sail in search of the "enemy." It will be the object of the white squadron to effect a landing at some unfortifled place along the coast as soon as possible after this fixed hour and occupy the position without interference for at least six hours. It is the duty of the defending fleet to prevent the invaders from accomplishing their purpose. If Admiral Higginson finds the hostile vessels before they can get within striking distance, the victory is with him. If Pillsbury, with his ships, should elude Higginson and land his force, he must occupy the place he has captured and be free from discovery uring the six hour period agreed upon If he is located before this time limit expires, it is scored as a defeat for

him. The first series of manoeuvres is purely technical, and there will be no semblance of an engagement between the ships. No shots will be fired except, possibly, upon the discovery of the hostile fleet at night, when the firing would be entirely for signalling purposes and to announce the discovery of Pillsbury's squadron.

Admiral Higginson lost no time in getting under way after the hour agreed upon for the beginning of the contest had arrived. During the forenoon, the ships were getting up steam and shortly after 12 o'clock they began to weigh anchor and all started

While the vessels of the white squadon are understood to represent an attacking force of great power, in reality it can hardly be compared with the defending complement. Commander Pillsbury's three auiliary cruisers have an average displacement of si thousand tons and an average speed of 13 enots. Admiral Higginson's squadron includes battleships of nearly 11,000 tons average displacement and nearly 17 knots average speed; cruisers, the slowest of which is a 19-knot vessel, and torpedo boats good for 26 to 29 knots.

#### THE VETERANS ARE TO 'HAVE A HOLIDAY

President Rosevelt Directs That Old Soldiers in Government Employ Be Allowed to Attend.

By Exclusive Wir was the associated Press. Washington, Aug. 20 .- The following communication was today addressed to he president at Oyster Bay by citizens' committe of the G. A. R.:

"The citizens' executive committee on

he thirty-sixth national encampment of the G. A. R. passed a resolution at its last meeting directing me to request that you issue an executive order per-mitting members of the G. A. R. employed in the services of the United States in Washington and throughout the country to attend this encampment which will be held in this city during the week commencing October 6 next whenever the interests of the public service will so permit, without loss of pay or without having the time so occupied deducted from their annual leade. This will in all probability be the last great gathering of the veterans of the civil war at the national capitol and a large number of them are coming here for the purpose of meeting their comrades in reunion at camp fires in a social way. In fact, many of them

"We sincerely trust you may see your way clear to comply with this request, which will be in the line of encouraging patriotism and devotion to the flag of our country.

will make sacrifices in order to be pres

on this occasion a large number will Mr. Morgan. also assemble here who were soldiers about an hour. Nothing concerning it in the Confederate army, as well as was made public. several thousands of your comrades in the war with Spain.'

#### FURTHER LEGISLATION IS NOW NEEDED.

Children Under 15 Years Cannot Enter Reformatory. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Aug. 29.—Attorney General Elkin today advised T. B. Patton, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon, that that institution cannot receive children under 15 years old, sentenced by the juvenile courts created by the last legislature. Mr. Elkin holds that while the act creating this court contemplates incarceration of children in the state reformatories its provisions prevent their incarceration and that further legislation is needed. He also olds that it will be impossible for the Huntingdon reformatory to care for children sentenced by these courts until the legislature shall provide that institution with the necessary conveniences for so doing. Continuing the attorney general says:

"I am of the opinion that only male persons between the ages of 15 and 25 years can be committed by the courts to the Pennsylvania Industrial reformatory, but, inasmuch as the juvenile courts have jurisdiction over children under the age of 16, it follows that such courts may sentence male children over the age of 15 and under 16 16 years to custody therein."

#### LAMB LIBERATED.

Judge Lacombe Decides Proceedings Shall Be Dropped.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, New York, Aug. 20.-Judge Lacombe in the United States court today, decided that George Alfred Lamb, attorney in the Peter Power suit, was not a member of the bar practising in the United Etates courts, and that consequently the proceedings against him for contempt of the court should be dropped.

Lamb had been ordered to show caus or admonished for alleged contempt in failing to produce Power before referee to give testimony.

On motion of Mr. Lamb, Judge La ombe signed an order directing Marshal Henkel to produce Peter Power for examination when called for by the ished only half a head to the good at special examiner, who is taking testi-

#### THIRTEENTH REGIMENT WINS RIFLE MATCH

Most Exciting Events' in Years at Mt. Gretna-Scores That Were Made.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Mt. Gretna, Pa., Aug. 20,-This was memorable day at the state rifle range. The most exciting contest in recent years was waged in the annual regimental match and the Thirteenth regiment of Scranton, won over the Sixth, by a mere technicality, each having the same score, but the Thirteenth had a better score at six hundred yards and was awarded the state's silver trophy, which it will now retain, having won it three

times. The cavalry match was no less interesting. The Second City troop won the contest over the First troop by 14

The scores of the regimental contest were as follows: First regiment, 333; Second regiment, 306; Third regiment 332; Sixth regiment, 339; Fifth regiment 308; Tenth regiment, 300; Fourteenth egiment, 316; Sixteenth regiment, 322; Eighteenth regiment, 294; Fourth regiment, 272; Eighth regiment, 331; Ninth egiment, 320; Twelfth regiment, 287; Thirteenth regiment, 339.

The Thirteenth regiment this afteroon won the practice skirmish match The grores were:

First regiment, 285; Second regiment, 257; Third regiment, 303; Sixth regiment 308; Fifth regiment, 247; Tenth regiment, 260; Fourteenth regiment, 266; Sixteenth regiment, 365; Eighteenth regiment, 252; Fourth regiment, 328; Eighth regiment, 337; Ninth regiment, 337; Twelfth regiment, 323; Thirteenth regiment, 381. The cavalry match resulted as fol-

lows: First City troop, 317; Second troop, 331; Sheridan troop, 297; Governor's troop, 299.

#### Bicycle Races at Philadelphia. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia. Aug. 20.—The following are the results of the grand circuit bicycle championship races tonight at the Coliseum: Half mile, open championship, won by Frank L. Kramer, of East Orange, N. J.; second, Iver Lawson, Salt Lake City; third, Owen Kimble; fourth, W. S. Fenn, Waterbury, Conn. Time, 1.0. Mile handicap, professional, won by Franz Krebs (120 yards); second, J. P. Jaconson (60 yards); third, James Hunter (120 yards); fourth, Joel Newkirk (100 yards). Time, 1.52 3-5.

Ten-mile lap race, won by James Phil-ps; second, A. Barnards; third, J. Sitler; fourth./H. M. McKay. Time, 24.54.

#### GRAND DUKE BORIS'S TRIP. He Will Stay at Niagara Falls Over Sunday. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Aug. 20 .- His imperial highless the Grand Duke Boris of Russia. who arrived here last Saturday from San Francisco, will leave for the east on the Michigan Central's New York special at 5.02 o'clock Saturday afternoon. His party will arrive at Niagara Falls on Sunday morning and remain there until Monday morning, when the will proceed to New York.

#### SCHWAB VISITS MORGAN. Chairman Gary Says That He Looks Well and Hearty.

ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Aug. 20.-Charles M. Schwab went to the office of the United States Steel corporation today where he remained for a time and then went the banking house of J. P. Morgan You will be gratified to know that & Co., where he had a conference with The conference lasted

E. H. Gary, chairman of the executive

# "A FIGHT TO THE BITTER END"

made the following statement today: "President Schwab spent considerable lime in my office this morning and also at his own office and at the bank of J. P. Morgan & Co. He is looking well and hearty. There seems to be no doubt that he will soon be completely estored to health. We are all insisting that he take a much needed rest. During the last fifteen months he has had charge of more responsibility than one person should assume. However, he has so systematized the business of the company that it will not suffer during his absence. He will probably sai within a day or two, and will take with him the best wishes of all his associates."

Mr. Schwab made the announcement tonight that all arrangements had been made for him to sail tomorrow on the French liner La Lorraine,

#### GRAND CIRCUIT RACES.

Geers Wins Two Events at Readville-Direct Hal Breaks His Own Record of 2.06 1-2.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Readville, Mass., Aug. 20.-The grand ircuit card this afternoon was the one urranged for yesterday and which the rain prevented. The track was sticky, but with this drawback Direct Hal broke his own record of 2.061/2 and the Norfolk stake record of one-fourth secand slower by going the third heat in 2.06. This race was easily the best of today why he should not be punished the day, and the great incident was the whirlwind finish in the second heat between Direct Hal, driven by Geers and Greenline, the Goshen, Ind., horse, driven by Sounders. Geers was obliged to make Direct Hal do the last quar- tion is too well known to repeat. We ter in 29% seconds to win, and he finthat.

Geers won two races today, the Nor folk purse of \$5,000 with Direct Hal, and the \$1,000 purse for 2.18 trotters, with Prince of Orange. Summaries: The Norfolk, 2.24 class, pacing; purse \$5,000.

Direct Hal ..... 5 1 Fuzzy 2 4 5 ro Free Advice, Cubanola, Beacon, Elastic Pointer, Buzant and Gold Brick also started. Time, 2.00%, 2.07, 2.06, 2.08. 2.11 class trotting; two in three; purse Metallas ..... Antzella ..... 2 11 Temple Wilkes ... ol. Cochran Waubun, Border, General Johnson and Glory also started. Time, 2.18 class, trotting; purse,\$ 1,000. Prince of Orange ..... Silver Heir ..... Millard Sanders ...... 11 11 2

Curry, Baron Bell, Eulah Mac, Effie G. and Hall Fry also started. Time, 2.124. 2.1416, 2.1116. 2.11 class, pacing; two in three; purse, Prince Direct ..... Billy M ..... Ononta Evolute, Alice Holmes and Maggie Hub

## NO NEWS AT PANAMA.

bard also started. Time, 2.074, 2.0714.

2.0934.

The Situation Serious but Nothing to Show That Herrera Intends to Attack the City Soon.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Panama, Aug. 20,-Nothing is known here of the reported surrender of the government general, Morales Bertl to the revolutionists, at Agua Dulce. No news has been received from this general for some time past, but government officials express the belief that he would only succumb after a gallant

The situation here is serious, but there is nothing to show that Gen. Herrera intends to attack Panama immediately, and the statement that he is now marching toward this city is discredited. It is not true that the revolutionary gunboat Padilla has been seen frequently off Otoque island.

## JOSEPH SHIRK DEAD.

The Inventor of the Revolver and Grain Cradle Passes Away. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lancaster, Aug. 20 .- Joseph Shirk, the inventor of a revolver and of the grain cradle, died today at his home in East

Earl township, this county. He was 83

years old and was a noted inventor and

surveyor. In the early thirties Shirk made a revolver which is believed to have been the first firearm ever made with a re volving chamber. He claimed to have shown this weapon to Colt, and shortly afterwards the Colt company was organized and commenced the manufacture of the revolvers.

## ITO CONTROLS NEW HOUSE.

Returns in Japan Show a Majority of His Followers Elected. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, Aug. 20.-It is announced here today in a dispatch from Tokio, Japan, that incomplete returns of the elections for members of the house of representatives indicate that there has been no material change in the balance of the parties and that the Marquis Ito followers retain predominance the house,

Strong and Yohe to Argentina. the executive corporation, the name of Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson. President John Mitchell's Opinion of the Anthracite Strike Situation.

## MR. BAER'S REPLY TO CORRESPONDENT

He Says That the "Rights and Interests of the Laboring Man Will Be Protected and Cared For, Not by the Labor Agitators, but by the Christian Men to Whom God, in His Infinite Wisdom, Has Given Control of the Property Interests of the Country."

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Aug. 20 .- "A fight to the bitter end," is the way President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, today put the situation in the anthracite coal region. He said he saw nothing for him to do in the strike but to hold his men firm. Even an appeal to the American people for intercession, he thought would be of no avail.

"I see nothing ahead but strife," he said. "There are many rumors of action by influential people to bring about a settlement of the strike, but these have all been vague and at present I know of none on foot. Our posifavor arbitration. Since the operators, however, will not budge, the fight resolves itself into a prolonged struggle. The weakest will lose. The mine workers are well fixed financially. We shall not give in."

#### Mr. Baer's Letter.

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 20 .- W. F. Clark, a photographer of this city, recently addressed a letter to President Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company, appealing to him as a Christian to settle the miners' strike. The writer said if Christ was taken more into our busines affairs there would be less trouble in the world, and if Mr. Baer granted the strikers a slight concession they would gladly 5 3 return to work and the president of Ozaham, Palm Leaf, Prince Lavalard, the Philadelphia and Reading Rallroad would have the blessing God and the respect of the nation.

President Baer replied as follows: "I see you are evidently biased in your religious views in favor of the right of the workingman to control a business in which he has no other inthe work he does. I beg of you not to be discouraged. The rights and interests of the laboring man will be protected and cared for, not by the labor agitators, but by the Christian men to whom God, in His infinite wisdom, has given the control of the property inerests of the country. Pray earnestly that the right may triumph, always remembering that the Lord God Omnipotent still reigns and that His reign is one of law and order, and not of vioience and crme."

## TIME FOR TESTIMONY.

November 10 Selected for Hearing Evidence in Slander Suit.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Aug. 20 .- Commissioner Frank J. Roth, of this city, today fixed Nov. 10 for hearing testimony in the slander suit brought during the last gubernatorial campaign by ex-Superintendent of Public Printing Thomas

Robinson, of Butler. The suit grew out of Mr. Wanamaker's criticism of the state printing system during Mr. Robinson's term as superintendent, in a speech at Williamstown four years ago, and was brought at Beaver during the former postmaster general's visit to that borough several days later.

BOERS TO LECTURE IN ENGLAND Rumor That They May Enter the Colonial Legislative Council.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. The Hague, Aug. 20 .- The Boer generals intend to hasten their return to England and start on a lecturing tour through the larger towns. They will confer with the colonial secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, in regard to plans for the future autonomy of the South African colonies. It is said that possibly the generals will enter the legislative council of South Africa.

## Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press New York, Aug. 20,-Arrived: Cceanic, Liverpool; Patricia, Hamburg. Cleared: La Lorraine, Havre; Fuerst Bismarck, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg. Sailed: St. Louis, Southampton; Teu-tonic, Liverpool. Southampton—Arrived: St. Paul, New York.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for August 20, 1902; lighest temperature ........ 78 degrees Lowest temperature ............ 53 degrees Relative humidity— Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m.

#### +++++++++++++++ WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: East-ern Pennsylvania – Local rains ern + Thursday; Friday fair; fresh east, + shifting to southwest winds.