to the Front. London, (By Cable.)—The remarkable beclaration of Mr. Wyndham, of the War ffice, in the House of Commons, that Great Britain will have in a fortnight 180,000 regriars in South Africa, 7,000 Canadians and Australians, and 26,000 South African vol. inteers, is received with wonderment. Of this total of 213,000 troops, with 452 guns, all are now there, with the exception of about 18,000 that are affoat. Beyond comparlson this is the largest force Great Britsin has ever put in the field. At the end of he Crimean war she had scraped togethe 0,000 men. Wellington at Waterloon had

The general tone of the morning papers is but his figures will astonish the country. Roughly speaking, only 80,000 men are at he front. Ten thousand others have been ost, and ten thousand are shut up at Lady-

Excluding these, there are 70,000 troops who have not yet been in action, in addition o those at sea. Why so many effective have not yet been engaged is explained by the lack of land transportation and the or canization of supplies, to which Lord Robrts is devoting his experience, and Lord hitchener his genius for details,

It seems as though the weight of these masses must destroy the equilibrium which now holds the British forces stationary wherever they are in contact with the Boe

Lack of transportation and organization will not explain adequately why, when generals at the front request reinforcements. they get them in rather small numbers wledge is slowly penetrating to I on lon that large garrisons must be kept in Cape Colony, to hold down the Cape Dutch, who, as everyone knows, outnumber the British residents three to two.

Cable scraps received during the last twelve hours do not further Illuminate the military operations. It is believed in some rather trustworthy quarters that he is again

assailing the Boer lines.

A further list of easualtities nublished by the War Office brings the total from the crossing of the Tugela to the abandonment of Spion Kop to 1,985 officers and men.

me unpleasant criticism of the War Office has been caused by the discovery that the sights of the Lee-Enfield carbines are defective. Old carbines have been supplied to the outgoing Fourth Brigade of Cavalry.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

A Decrease as Compared With Last Month-Cash in the Treasury.

Washington, (Special.)-The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business January 31, 19:0, th debt, less cash in the Treasury, amounted to \$1,125,636,2277 a decrease, as compared with last month, of \$8,663,780. This decrease is accounted for by a corresponding increase in the amount of cash on hand.

The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest bearing debt, \$1,026,836,050; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity. \$1,208,410; debt bearing no interest, \$390, 155,740; total, \$1,418,127,200. This amount, however, does not include \$715,043,603 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding which are offset by an equal amount of cash on hand. The cash in the Treasury is class!

Gold, \$403,496,505; silver, \$502,043,317; paper, \$69,418,615; bonds deposits in national bank depositories, disbursing officers' balances, etc., \$108,475,123; total, \$1,033,428,561. against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to \$790,937,588 which leaves a net cash balance on hand of

NO MILEAGE FEES.

House Committee Decides Roberts' Claim.

Washington, (Special.)-The House Com mittee on Mileage rejected the claim of Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, for mileage in connection with his contest for a seat in the House. Mr. Roberts put in a claim for mileage from Salt Lake City to Washington 2,597 miles, and return, at the usual rate of 20 cents a mile each way, making a total of

ot present, and it w understood he bnd gone to Chicago. Mr. Cooper, of Texas, moved that Mr. Roberts was entitled to mlieage, but on a tie vote-2 to 2-this failed. Chalrman Barham will report this action, which, he says, is equivaient to a rejection of the claim by the com

As a result of suggestions in the committoe, Mr. Barham will confer with the Speaker concerning the recognition of any me who may seek to secure for Mr. Roberts the \$2,000 usually allowed in contested election This, however, is not the committee action, but is due to a desire to afford opportunity to bring the matter before the

DEATHS IN A WRECK.

Three Killed and a Number Badly Injured.

Tampa, Pia., (Special.)-A fast passenger train on the Plant system was wrocked 20 miles north of this place. Engineer Kennedy was instantly killed.

One passenger was killed, but the body was so frightfully mutilated that it is impossible to identify it at this time. The son of S. P. Hernden, mail agent of this city, died at the Sanford Hospital. Mr. Hernden, Sr., is badiy injured. A number of other pas-sengers were also injured. The mail and express cars and two day coaches were thrown over. The Pullman cars were no

The accident was caused by the train running into an open switch, and colliding with a freight car. It is believed that the switch was opened by some person with the inten tion of wrecking the train.

Goebel's Cousin Stricken.

Chicago, Ill., (Special.)-Albert Goobel, a sousin of the wounded Governor of Kep tucky, was riding on a street car when he was attacked auddenly with heart disease and fell from the car, fracturing his skull, He sustained in addition severe cuts on the

FREIGHT AND PASSENGER. Engineer Diday Killed in Wreck and

Fireman Injured. Akron, O., (Special.)-Train No. 16, a fast eastbound express on the Eric Road, hauled by two engines, collided with a freight train in the suburbs of Akron while running at a

Engineer Diday, of the forward passenger engine, was killed, and his fireman, George Kiai, slightly injured. Diday was the oldest engineer on the road. None of the passengers were injured. Three coaches were bad-

APPEAL TO PRESIDENT.

Mr. Taylor's Letter Asking for the Support of the Administration. Washington, (Special.)—President McKin-ley has received a long message from Gov. W. S. Taylor, of Ken ucky.

Governor Taylor recites at length the sit. nation in Kentucky; declares that he considers himself the legally elected executive of the State, and asserts that the condition

of the State, and asserts that the condition of affairs at the present time is most critical. He says that a riot may occur at any time. Governor Taylor says that he is doubtful of his power to control the situation, and appeals to the President to end the matter and secure pence in the State by recognizing him as the Governor of Kentucky.

THE NEWS.

Governor Taylor's counsel had a conferce with doebel's lawyers and friends, and proposed that the case of the two governor submitted to the State Court of Appeals, with the right to carry it to the Supreme Court of the United States. The Goedel men rejected the proposition, being unwilling to let the matter go beyond the State courts. The president of a bank which is a depository for Kentucky State funds refused to honor youchers signed by Governor Taylor, and the warden of the penitentiary refuse to release a convict whom Governor Taylor had pardoned. The militia still guard the capitol grounds and building, with instrucns to receive no orders from Goebel. The condition of Goebel continues critical. Gov Taylor sent a telegram to President McKin ley declaring that he was doubtful of his power to control the situation, and asking that the President recognize him as gov-

The funeral train bearing the remains of Major General Lawton, Major Logan and Dr. Armstrong started for the east from San

While trying to save children from a fir in a parochial school building in St. Louis, a Catholic sister perished with one of her little pupils.

Former Bank President Charles H. Cole. of the Globe National Bank of Boston, gave ball in \$50,000 to answer the charge of em-

The fast passenger train on the Plant sys tem was wrecked near Tamps, Fig. Several passengers were killed and others injured. Miss Filemon D. Genova leaped from the third-story window of a burning tenoment

in New York and was killed. Mrs, Louisa Schaeffer was killed in Chicago by Nicholas Hotzler, whom she had re-

fused to marry. Fire in the manufacturing district of Day ton, O., caused a loss of \$500,000.

William Goebel was sworn in as Governor of Kentucky, and J. H. Beckham as lieutenant governor. The Democratic members of the legislature filed a written statement saying they were in favor of seating him, but been prevented by Governor Taylor, who kept them out of all halls by the mili-tary, and issued a proclamation adjourning the legislature to meet in London on February 6,

Loriston M. Fairbanks, father of United States Senator Fairbanks, died at Pasadena, Cal.

Smallpox is prevalent in the central section of West Virginia. Wade Paugh was frozen to death in Ritchie ounty, W. Va.

The British steamer Marston Moor went shore off New Inlet, near Cape Hatterns. The Heywood Brothers' chair factory, in New York, was destroyed by fire, The Patternmakers' Union of Chicago has

manded a nine-hour day. Mrs. Fred Reed, of Boonton, N. J., found her runaway husband near Middletewn, N. Y., and then made the discovery for the first

time that she was a stepmother. One man was killed and a dozen others fatally injured by an explosion of a battery of four bollers in the steel department of Phillips, Minnick & Co.'s mill, in Pittsburg. Jesse Wilson, a colored undertaker of Norfolk, Va., was arrested for burying a three-

year-old child in the same coffin with an unknown woman. W. D. Smith, of Macon, Ga., was sentenced to imprisonment for life for throwing acid into the face of Mrs. Susie Hilliard, perman-

ently blinding her. The union painters and decorators of Newport News, Va., demanded a reduction of one hour per day at the present wages. Former Captain Ike T. Jobe, accused of

fraudulently issuing transportation orders, was captured near Johnson City, Tenn. Luclia C. Oakes, of New York, sued her former husband and his present wife for

putting her in an insane asylum. Alice Kelly, a bride of three months, went from sleep to death in New York, gas com-

ing through unused pipes.

Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, proposes that saloons shall be allowed to sell beer on Sunday. Henry Noble and his sweetheart were

blown from a bridge while driving near Danbury, Ct., during a storm. The Southern Naval Stores Company was chartered in Savannah, Ga., with a capital

Major Thomas A. Brander, a prominent ex-Confederate, died at his home in Rich-

The bill providing for separate cars for whites and negroes on the railways passed the Virginia Senate without a dissenting vote. The governor's approval is a fore-In a collision between a special passenger

train and a freight train at Wayeross, Ga., lifteen passengers were injured. The Philadelphia coroner's jury found

four persons responsible for the death of Miss May Biblighaus in the optium joint. The Caunjoharie (N. Y.) National Bank suspended, and E. J. Graham, national bank examiner, was placed in charge.

Six hundred operatives at the American Hide and Lenther Company's tanneries in Lowell, Mass., went on a strike. James and Amos Pierce were arrested in

Chester, Pa., on suspicion of having mur-dured George B. Eyre. Frederick Lempke, a Christian scientist. nmitted suicide by thrusting his head into

a red hot stove.

Six thousand dollars' worth of diamonds was stolen from Joseph K. Davidson & Son in Philadelphia.

The third dynamite outrage in Leadville Col., wrecked the home of A. V. Hunter, the millionatre. Lewis Havens, of Philadelphia, died suddenly in a car at Lenoir, N. C.

A fire at Dawson City destroyed \$400,000 worth of property. Samuel Peter Meyers was hanged at Som-

R. H. Nicholas, a native of Baltimore, superintendent of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Ballroad, died in Philadel-

Judge Wallace, in the United States Court at Albany, concurred with the lower court in refusing to grant a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Captain Oberlin M. Carter, convicted of conspiracy against the government.

Brigadier General Charles W. Squires, minent Confederate during the Civil War, died in St. Louis, aged sixty.

May Bebehaus, aged nineteen, died in Philadelphia from the effects of smoking optum in a den. Julius Bandmann, an old merchant of San

Francisco, is dead. John Klonthan died at Berryville, Va., aged seventy-one. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western

Company began shutting down its coal mines in Pennsylvania, W. J. McConnell, the temperance advocate of Cleveland, died in Philadelphia from ex-

cessive use of morphia. Count Boni de Castellane, with his Anna Gould, reached New York, and denied absolutely that he had lost anything in specdeclaring that he had never speculated in his life.

A. P. T. Elder, formerly a publisher in Chicago, plead guilty in the United States Court, that city, to having used the mails to defraud. Clarence W. Robinson was appointed com-

monwealth's attorney in Newport News, Va., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. K. M. Newton. John Potter Stockton, formerly United

States senator, who was for years attorney general of New Jersey, died at the Hotel Hanover, in New York.

GOEBEL IS DEAD.

BECKHAM PROMPTLY SWORN IN AS

CEREMONY HELD IN HOTEL.

senator Blackburn and Other Democratic Lenders Present-A Dramatic Scene, to Which the Young Lieutenant Plays the Leading Part-Orders Troops to

Frankfort, Ky., (Special.)-The bullet fired by an unknown assassin last Tuesday morning ended the life of William Goebel at 6.45 o'clock Saturday evening. The only persons present at the death bed were Mr sister, Mrs. Braunscker, and his brother, Arthur Goebel, of Cincinnati, who mve been in constant attendance at Mr. G ebel's bedside, and Dr. McCormick. Justus Goebel, another brother, who has

been hurrrying from Arizona as fast as steam would carry him, in a vain hope of reaching his dying brother in time for some token of ecognition, arrived forty minutes too late. Oxygen was frequently administered the dying man during the afternoon, in an effort to keep him alive until his brother's arrival, but in vain. By the cruel irony of fate, the train on which Justus Goebel was traveling to Frankfort was delayed several hours from various causes, and when Mr. Goebe finally reached here, it was only to learn that his brother was dead.

Move for a Monument. Among bitter partisans of both parties grief is manifested, and already a movement ias been started to erect a fitting monument to Mr. Goebel's memory on the spot in the

Statehouse grounds where he was shot. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral. It is understood that a request will be made on behalf of the citizens of Frankfort that Mr. Goobel's last resting place be in the cemetery here, where ite buried Daniel Boone and Vice President Andrew Johnson

At Mr. Goebel's request, former Congress man Hendrick was called, and Mr. Goebel asked for some of his legal advisers, with whom he wished to confer. Shortly after ten o'clock he suddenly grew worse.

The hiccoughs and nausea returned with increased violence, much to the wounded man's distress, and his pulse ran up alarmingly. Drs. McCormack and Hume hastily summoned, and hypodermic injecwhiskey and strychnine, and after ward of morphine, were given him. At Mr. Goebel's request, Chaplain Wallace, of the Kentucky penitentiary, an intimate friend, was sent for, and the two had a short con-

versation.
"Lew," said Mr. Goebel, "I wish to ansounce to the world that I do not hold myself in open violence to the word of God. Gives Up the Struggle.

The hypodermic injections afforded some emporary relief, but the sufferer, for the in his long, weary struggle for life, had apparently lost his indomitable ourage. "Doctor," said he feebly, to Dr. McCor

mack, who stood at his bedside, "I'm afraid now that I'm not going to get over this. Dr. McCormack endeavored to cheer the fast-failing man, but the latter soon relapsed Into a condition of semi-consciousness About one o'clock he aroused himself again

and calling Dr. McCormack to his side, said Doctor, am I going to get well? I want to know the truth, for I have several things to attend to." "Mr. Goebel, you have but a few hours to ve," replied Dr. McCormack. Mr. Goebel was silent for a moment; then

alling his brother, Arthur Goebel, to his ide, he asked that the physicians and purse; retire. Then, for twenty minutes, the dying man was left with his brother and sister Mrs. Braunacker. The Last Scene Soon after this he again fell into a stupor

and at two o'clock his condition was considered so alarming that, as a last resort, oxy gen was given in an endeavor to keen th dying man alive, if possible, until the arrival of his brother, Justus Goabel, from Arizona who was due shortly after six o'clock. The pulse of the patient had in the meantime ruup to 140 and his temperature to 103, while his breathing became rapid and more la ment, but the rally was so slight and slow

that to the weary watchers at the bedside it was apparent that the end was not far off Dr. Tallaferro, of the Methodist Church of Frankfort, was sent for. He cam at once. Softly entering the death chamber Dr. Taliaferro crossed over to where Mr. Goebel lay gasping for breath, and, kneeling at the side of the bed, prayed earnestly. With tears streaming down their faces, M: Braunacker and Arthur Goebel knelt at the bedside also.

Then Dr. Taliaferro arose, and opening his Bible, read a few selected verses from the Epistle to St. James. It was decided to hold no formal inquest

with the wishes of the friends and family of the dead Democratic leader. Governor Taylor's Regrets.

over the remains. This is in compliance

Frankfort, Ky., (Special.).-Governor Tay-lor was notified at his office over the telehone of Mr. Goebel's death. He said "I deeply regret his death,

BECKHAM GOVERNOR.

Orders the Removal From Office of the Adjutant General.

Frankfort, Ky., (Special.)—Exactly one our after the death of Mr. Goebel J. C. W. Beekham wassworn in as governor of the state, the oath being administered by S. J. Shackelford, clerk of the Court of Appeals

It had been determined to keep secret the news of the death of Mr. Goebel until Mr leckham should have been formally industed ato office, and the delay was made greater the inability of Dr. McCormack to leave the bedroom of Mr. Goebei and make the proper certificate of death. Until this had en done the Democratic attorneys were unwilling that the oath of office should be dministered.

The ceremony took place in a small room on the same floor as that in which Mr. Goe bel died, but a few doors to the west of it.

"BILL TOM" HATFIELD

Convicted of Murder and Sent to Prison Huntington, W. Va., (Special.) -Owing to for Life. plaintiff the trial of Virgit Staley

Huntington, W. Va., (Special.)—"Bill Tom" Hatfield, a member of the notorious cian bearing his name, and who was kidnapped in Mingo county and taken to Pike county, Kentucky, almost a year ago, was convicted at Pikeville of first degree murder and sentenced to prison for life. erime was committed almost fifteen years ago, he being an accomplice in the b at the stake of two members of the McCoy family.

AGAINST THE MILITIA BALLOT,

English Society of Friends Would Cheek Military Imperialism.

London, (By Cable.)-The executive com mittee of the Society of Friends of th United Kingdom announces the adoption of a minute against the enforcement militia ballot, appealing to all Christians to check the spirit of military imperialism

that finds favor to-day." It is pointed out that under an existing statute an order in council can enforce com pulsory military service, punishing as de serters those who, for conscience sake, refuse to fight.

GOEBEL SWORN IN.

He Takes the Oath of Office After Legis lators Declare Blm Governor-

Members Meet Secretly. Frankfort, Ky., (Special.)-William Goe bel was declared Governor of Kentucky by a Democratic quorum of the Legislature assembled in joint session in a room in the Capitol Hotel here.

Within 30 minutes after the adoption of the Contest Committees' majority report the oath of office was administered to the wounded man as he lay upon his bed.

Chief Justice Hazeirigg administered the outh in the presence of the officials of the Legislature. Goebel thanked his friends in J. C. W. Beckham was also installed by

the vote of the legislative quorum and is

now declared to be Lieutenant-Governor of the State. These acts were accomplished after a day of anxiety on the part of the Goebel legislators, who had been dodging bayonets and evading arrest. Warrants were issued for them to be used in case they attempted to assemble, but they managed to outwit Ad-

jutant-General Collier, the troops and Gov. W. S. Taylor, all of whom used every effort to prevent a meeting. In order to lead astray the State authorities the true condition of Goebel's health was suppressed or exaggerated, and it transpired only at a late hour that he had been improving since nightful and was con-

sclous. Speaker South Trimble, of the lower house of the Legislature, had been conspicuously missing with other members since 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it was given out that

they were hiding from arrest Taylor Precipitates Crists. The crisis had been precipitated in the morning by Governor Taylor Issuing a pro-clamation declaring the Legislature adlourned.

Governor Taylor's proclamation was announced at the State House at 10 A. M. by Adjutant-General Collier, who, when he read it, was surrounded by two regiments of soldiers and flanked by two Gatling guns. The proclamation was as follows: To the General Assembly of the Common

wealth of Kentucky: Whereas a state of insurrection now prevalls in the State of Kentucky, and especially in Frankfort, the capital thereof, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Kentucky, I do hereby, by this proclamation, adjourn at once the General Assembly of the State of Kentucky, to meet at London, Laurel county, Ky., Tues day, the 6th day of February, 1969, at 12

"CHven under my hand at Frankfort, Ky., this 30th day of January, 1900, at 9 o'clock P. M. W. S. TAYLOR. "Governor of Kentucky.

"By CALES POWERS, Secretary of State," This was read from the steps of the State House in the presence of Speaker South Trimble and the Democratic members of the Legislature, who constituted a quorum, They had come to hold a session to unsent Taylor.

PROCLAMATION BY GOEBEL.

He Orders the Militia of Kentucky to Disperse. Frankfort, Ky., (Special.)—The following proclamation was issued by Governor Goe-

"COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY. "EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, "Frankfort, Ky.

"Whereas, It has been made known to me that certain persons, without authority of law, have banded themselves together for ment must have been a great surprise to General Buller. In an order to his troops at the unlawful purpose of forcibly preventing the General Assembly of Kentucky from as-sembling and discharging its official duties at the sent of government, and have for said unlawful purpose assembled in the city of Franfort the First and Second Regiments of the Kentucky State Guard and by force of arms have unlawfully taken possession of the hall of the House of Representatives and the Senate Chamber of the State of Kentucky, as well as all other public building and archives of the Commonwealth, and have by force, intimidation and violence expelled the General Assembly from the Capitol buildings and refused to permit the Senate and House of Representatives to hold their sessions therein, and are now terrorizing the representatives of the people and other good citizens of the Commonweath;

"Now, therefore, I, William Goebel, Gov-ernor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby command the said First and Second Regiments of the Kentucky State Guard, and each and every officer and member thereof, to return to their homes and several avo tions and there remain until lawfully called

into active service.
"I also command all other persons, whatsoever, who are now unlawfully engaged in interfering with and intimidating members of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth to disband and desist from terrorizing and intimidating the said members of the General Assembly and all other good citi-zens of this Commonwealth.

"Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, at Frankfort, Ky., this 31st day of January, 1900. 'WILLIAM GOEDEL.'

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Three Sectionmen Killed and Another Fatally Injured.

Pulaski, Va., (Special.)-A fatal accident occurred at Baker Mines, Carroll county. The train from here was shifting cars at the mines, which are about two miles above the station on top of the mountain on a very It is the custom for the trainmen to let loaded ore cars drift down the track while shifting. Two cars got from under the control of the brakemen, who jumped off. They started down the road, eeting a pump car on which were four section men. George Summers, A. Z. Phillips and O. Surrat were instantly killed and Oscar Johnson fatally injured.

Huntington, W. Va., (Special.)—The 8-year-oid daughter of John Anderson was burned to death. Her clothing ignited from an open grate. She dashed into the street and hundreds of people witnessed the sad spectacle.

Murder Trial Postponed.

the absence of important witnesses for murder of his brother-in-law, Lafe Atkins. was postponed until next court,

Killed by His Brother. Burton, W. Va., (Special.)—Bobert Hunt, years of age, was accidentally shot and killed by his older brother. The boys were playing with a loaded abot gun. The weapon exploded and the charge of buckshot tore out young Hunt's heart.

PALL-BEARER DROPPED DEAD.

Samuel Harbaugh Died at a Funeral in Carroll County.

Westminster, Md., (Special.)-Mr. Samuel Harbaugh, a farmer residing midway be-tween York Road and Taneytown, in Carroll county, died suddenly under sensationa cir-

Mr. Harbaugh was acting as one of th pall-bearers of Mrs. Thomas Myerly at Bruceville. The funeral cortege had started on its way to the burial ground at Keysville and Mr. Harbaugh had just gotten in his buggy when he dropped back in the seal dead. The sheek to the people in att-odance

BULLER IN RETREAT.

BRITISH TROOPS UNABLE TO FACE DOERS AT SPION KOP.

1,500 DEAD ON THE FIELD.

Lame Excuses of the Commander - Advise War Office That He Approved Gen. Warren's Movement, But That a Retreat Be came Necessary and Withdrew His Whole Force South of the Tugels River.

London, Eng., (By Cable,)-Gen. Sir Charles Warren, with his Eri.ish army vision, originally numbering about 16,600 roops, has been forced to retreat south of the Tugela river, Natal.

A dispatch from the Boer head langer, sear Ladysmith, states that the British left ,500 dead on the battlefield Wednesday, the day of the fighting at Spion kop. The news of General Warren's retreat

omes in an official dispatch from Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, British commander-in-oblef in Natal, sent from his headquarters at Spearman's Camp. Perhaps the remainder of General Bullar's army, which was north of the Tugela, has

also retreated. The General's dispatch says he decided to withdraw "the force" to the south side. This, taken with adjoining sentences, apparently refers only to Warren's division, but is construed in some quarters in London to mean Buller's entire force. It is believed in London that if the re-

aloing troops under Buller have not retreated already they must do so soon, All or part of General Lyttleton's brigade, it is now known, went to the help of Warren at Splon kop and shared in the reverse Signs indicate that Buller may have risked all his available troops in trying to hold the

kop. General Buller, it is stated, will probably try next to force his way to Ladysmith by another route. He has tried the central and western routes, and the only one left ms to be the one east of Colenso, by way of Weenen.

A change of plans like this would probably involve a delay of perhaps a month. In the meantime Ladysmith might be forced to

An opinion held in London is that Gen. Sir George Stewart White, at Ladysmith, will fire off all his ammunition, blow up his cannon, break his rifles and then walk out to surrender to the Boers.

The dispatches from correspondents with the British army give no estimates of the losses in fighting. The Boer statement that 1,500 were left dead on the battlefield Wednesday, it is said in London, may include the wounded also

The Boer account of the Spion kop battle intimates that the British really surprised the Boers when they ascended the kop and supled one of its ridges. The British also intrenched themselves hurriedly, but the Boers advanced on the trenches and after a desperate fight caused the British to abandon the position. "Many Boers were shot," says the dispatch, but it gives no figures.

Dispatches from Spearman's Camp give the British account of the fight.

The accounts are important as tending to confirm the generally accepted belief that the whole affair was a Boer trap. They state that "the Boers had the ranges fixed to a alcety" and that their first volley "momentarily staggered the British." resistance of the small force of Boers who retreated from the position into which Generni Warren advanced is described as "dia which indicates that they were leading him on. The failure of General Warren's move-

the beginning of the movement he used these words: "Our generals will be given only one order, namely, advance. There will be no turning back.

COLOMBIAN REBELS BLUFFED. Governor of Tumaco Scared Them Off With a Fairy Tale. San Diego, Cal., (Special.)-From reports brought by the Hamburg steamer Volumnia it appears that the arrival of the vessel at l'umaco, Colombia, where she touched on the way up, had the effect of saving the place from capture by Colombian rebels,

The rebels had demanded the surrender of the town and the governor was at his wits Just then the Volumnia was sighted. The governor sent a defiant message to the revolutionists and told them that the steamer off port was bringing 500 government troops.

The trick succeeded and the rebels abandoned their purpose to capture Tumaco.

"DANCE OR DIE."

An Engineer Refused to Dance and was

Fatally Shot. Barboursville, W. Va., (Special.)—At Russell, Isaac J. Crump, of this place, shot and mortally wounded George Hyden. Both were rallway engineers and, it is said, were intoxicated at the time the shooting occurred. Crump pulled a revolver from his pocket and jokingly told Hyden to "dance or die." Hyien refused to dance and Crump fired, the bullet penetrating Hyden's right breast. Both bad been life-long friends. Crump is under arrest.

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

Two West Virginia Girls Convicted of Barn

Burning. Charleston, W. Va., (Special.)—Oille Young and Isabella Gray, each 10 years old and pretty, who were ludicted for barn burning in Summers county, have been tried and found guilty. Odle Young is a sister of Lee Young, who was convicted of the murder of his father and sent to the penitentiary for seven years.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

The veteran scientist, Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace, is now in his 78th year. A monument to Jacques Carter will be erected on the heights of St. Majo.

Percival Lowell, the astronomer, will head

an African expedition to observe the colipse of the sun next May. It is announced that Prof. Andrew W Phillips, of Yale, will soon make a trip through the country to get subscriptions to

the bicentennial fund.

Collis P. Huntington has aiready spent \$1,000,000 on his project to make Galveston, at the end of his Galveston. Houston and Northern Railroad, the great port for his Southwestern railroads. Mrs. H. W. Thomas, wife of the Rev. Dr. Thomas, of the People's Church, of Chi-

cago, has followed in her husband's foot-

steps by being ordained a minister. A few

Sundays ago she preached from her husband's pulpit a sermon on "The Cost of Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, has been reported several times to be at the point of death, but now it is even denied that he is seriously sick.

The Afghau Ameer, according to a dispatch from St. Petersburg, has ordered all roads leading from Herat to Kutschuk, in Transcaspia, to be guarded, and at the same time the frontier garrisons have been re-

The only woman oil operator in the country is Miss Jane Stone, who owns 180 acros in Texas which have produced oil.

General Jamont, the French Commander-in-Chief, when on a recent tour of inspection along the coast, narrowly escaped drowning at Quiberon. In the dark and the fog he walked over the quay and fell into the sea. His aid-de-camp and orderly sorgeant at once plunged in after him and succeeded in pringing bigs to land.

SAFE BLOWERS KILLED.

Two of the Gang Shot Dead and a Third Wounded-Police Have a Pitched

Battle. Quincy, Ill., (Special.) - Quincy police offcers killed two expertsafe blowers, supposed to be from Chicago, and seriously wounded another. The men are believed to be the same who recently operated in Galesburg, Freeport, and other Illinois cities, making a

specialty of cracking safes in building and loan association offices.
On January 6 the safe in the offices of the Adams County Building and Loan Association, in this city, was blown open at the noon our, and each and securities amounting to \$20,00; taken, Saturday last three men came to Moseker's Hotel, two of them registering from Kansas City. The proprietor suspected them and warned the potice, and one of the men went out he was shud-

owed by Detective George Koch, The officer finally asked the suspect to go to the station and explain himself. The man drew a pistol and pointed it at the offi-cer's heart, but as he did so Kock flashed his own pistol and fired four shots. Three

took effect, and the man fell dead. This occurred at 11 o'clock Saturday night in front of the Newcomb Hotel, Meanwhite officers had examined the baggage of the suspected men, and found it included burgtools, skeleton keys, dynamite sticks, and nitro-glycerine. When the other two men returned to the Moecker Hotel, they found the hotel surrounded by officers They ran into the hotel saloon, loaded their revolvers, and a running fight ensued in the hotel corridor.

One man reached the street, pursued by Chief of Police John Ahearn. He turned to fire, and as he did so Ahearn sent a builet crashing through his skull. He died in a

The third man was shot on the stairs by

Officer Charnhorst, and sank to the floor with a broken hip. He refused to say who his accomplices were. FROM WASHINGTON.

The Paris municipality has conceded site for the Washington monument which has been completed for the Washington Statue Association,

The House committee strongly recommended the proposed merit bill to improve the Weather Bureau service. The House devoted a day to culogies in

Louisiana. Prof. Alfred J. Henry was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Prof.

ton were buried in Arlington Cemetery.

memory of the late Representative Baird, of

The remains of General Thomas H. Stan-

Captain Abercrombie, who had charge of

the Copper River expedition, submitted a re-

port showing a feasible railroad route to the Yukon. Chief Frank H. Hitchcock's report shows that there has been a great development in our trade with China and Japan. Senator Mason has written a caustic letter

with reference to his expulsion from the

Senator Beyeridge states that General Lawton did not expect to come back alive to the United States. The United States Senate passed the Urgent Deficiency bill. Mr. Chandler vehemently denounced the charge constantly made by southern senators that the Civil

Tippecanoe Club.

War was brought on by designing northern politicians. The Senate committee discussed the proposition to establish a department of com-

merce. The House of Representatives decided, by a vote of 278 to 50, to adopt the majority report of the committee, and to declare vacant the seat in the House to which Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, had been elected.

The Secretary of the Navy sent to the Sen

ate a statement showing that part of the fifty millions appropriated for the national defense was spent in the navy. Representatives of the International Seamen's Union opposed the shipping bil be-

forethe House committee. Badly Slashed by His Brother. Shippe sburg, Pa., (Special.) -As the result of a quarrel John Mathas, a young man, is at his home about three Shippensburg, with seven horrible wounds, made with a razor in the hands of his brother, Reuben. There are two scalp wounds, each six inches long, a siash from the mouth to the ear, the ear cut in half,

and a long gash in the neck. Dr. Meyers

was summoned, and used eighty-four

stitches to sew them up. It is stated that they quarreled over a plug of tobacco.

Preached a Sensational Sermon. Norfolk, Va., (Special.)—Rev. L. R. Christie preached a sermon in Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church, in which he arraigned the city officials for dereliction of The sermon created a sensation, and may lead to an investigation. Disguised, Mr. Christie went through the slums, and the sermon was preached on the basis of

Fort Scott, Kan., (Special.)—Amos Philips, the aged accomplice of George Silbee and E. D. Mecks, the men who were lynched here last Saturday night, in the murder of Farmer Editager, has made a full confes-

sion before being taken to the Leavenworth

Confessed to Murder

Penitentiary. He confessed that he and the men lynched had followed Edlinger for several days, and had killed him for his property. Major Brander Dead. Richmond, Va., (Special.)-Major Thos A. Brander, past grand commander of the Virginia Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans, and who was known throughout the South for his prominence in all Confederate

reunions, died here, aged sixty years. FIELD OF LABOR.

Morocco has no railways. Men do the washing in Egypt. Iowa makes farm wagons of steel. Sweden peat bogs constitute 8,648,000 acres. Duluth stonecutters demand 40 cents per

St. Paul bricklayers want 50 cents per Texas has a woman deputy United States New York's 41,318 tenements house 1,486,-

At Indianapolis the price of a hair out

ranges from 15 to 25 cents. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers gained 8,709 members last year. Unionists exclusively will erect the Pan-American Exposition Building at Buffalo.

At Auburn, N. Y., the building trades are

413 people.

going to make a fight for the eight-hour day on April 1. New York policemen want the eight-hour day, and the legislature has been asked to lize the demand.

New York Carpenter Union, 513, has voted down a motion to demand \$4 a day and eight hours in all shops (inside work).

Brooklyn bricklayers earn 55 cents hour; eight hours constitute a day's work. They also work only till noon on Saturday.

The bread-eating world requires more than 2,300,000,000 bushels of wheat every twelve months to supply its table with bread The Lake Seamen's Union has decided that members who served in the Spanish-American war are exempt from payment of dues.

When ladies go to buy a dress in Japan they tell the shopkeeper their age, and if they are married or not, because there are special designs for the single and double re-

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