

Gall For Men to Face the Bullets of the Boers.

NEABLY A WHOLE DIVISION LOST

According to British Official Reports. Which Are Certainly Not Overentimated, the Dead, Wounded and Prisoners Amount to 9,523.

London, Jan. 30.-History pauses for a time in South Africa. It is one of those unsatisfactory pauses that are nearly as trying to British nerves as a sequence of neverses, and apparently it will terminate only when Lord Rob-erts gives the word for the forward movement into the Free State, which, according to the most cheerful view, he will be unable to do for a fortnight.

Whether he will permit General Beller to make another attempt to relieve Ladysmith is quite outside the knowledge even of those closely connected with the war office. With the troops due to arrive next month he may think himself strong enough to try two large operations. Combining the forces under Generals Methuen, French and Gatacre and adding to mem the arriving troops, Lord Roberts would have 70,000 for the invasion of the Free State, with 40,000 to 50,000 guarding communications, and 40,000 trying to rescue Ladysmith.

The thing on which everybody scems agreed is that more men must go to the front. There are now 22,202 men and 155 guns at sea, and there are 11.-000 infantry and 9,000 cavalry, including 5,000 yeomen, practically ready to embark. Therefore the government, without doing more, can place at the disposal of Lord Roberts 40,000 additional men and 155 guns. The further purposes of the war office are supposed to embrace somewhere in the neighborhood of 50,000 more men. As the indication is that candidates will be rather scarce the war office will issue orders for those reservists who were found unfit at the previous mobilization examinations to report for further examination. Applicants for cavalry service are still freely offering as yeomanry.

General Buller's operation has cost 912 men, so far officially reported, within ten days. Applying to the 200 Spion Kop casualties reported yesterday the rule of proportion, the losses officers indicate probably 500 casualties yet to come. The total casualties of the war, compiled from official reports, are 9,523, nearly a division. Of these 2,486 are killed, 4,811 wounded and the rest prisoners.

The aggregate British home troops in South Africa number 116,000, the Natalians 7,158 and Cape Colonials 21,000.

A special dispatch from Frere Camp, dated Friday last, says regarding the repulse at Spion Kop: "The ridge held by our men was

faced by a number of strong little topjes at all ranges, from which the Boers sent a concentrated fire from their, sifles, supported by a Maxim-Norgebfeldt and a big long range gun. What with the rifles, the machine guns and the big gun, the summit was converted into a perfect hell. The shells exploded continually in our ranks, and the rifle fire, from an absolutely unseen enemy, was perfectly appalling. The unfinished trench on the

summit gave very questionable shelter, as the enemy's machine guns were so accurately trained upon the place that 16 shells fell in the trench in a single minute. Mortal men could not permanently hold such a position. Our gall int fellows held it tenaciously for 24 hours and then, taking advantage of the dark night, abandoned it to the enemy. General Buller's latest dispatch to the war office on Sunday last stated that Spion Kop was abandoned on account of lack of water, inability to bring artillery there and the heavy Boer fire. His whole force withdrew south of the Tugela river with the evident intention of reaching Ladysmith by another route. General Buller speaks exultingly of the fact that his forces retreated across the Tugela without losing a man or a pound of The fact that General Warren's force captured Spion Kop after 'easily defeating the small Boer garaccording to Buller's dispatch rison' at the time, and that the Boers have recaptured it, would indicate that it was only another Boer trap set for the enemy. The reports of losses in the Spion Kop battle are conflicting, a Boer report giving the British dead at 1,500. This is doubtless an exaggeration.

BIG STEEL MILL WRECKED. Seriously Injured.

Pittsburg, Jan. 30 .- The steel department of Phillips, Nimick & Co.'s roll-ing mill, on West Carson street, was completely wrecked yesterday and a slozen men were injured by the explosion of a battery of four large boilers. The shock of the bursting boilers was

heard throughout the lower end of the city. The loss to the plant will be enormous. Fireman Simon Holland was killed, and it is feared that others

may die. The explosion was one of the most terrific that ever occurred in a Pittsburg mill. The roof of the boller room was completely lifted from the building, and the flying iron and steel fell in all directions. Heavy beams and portions of masonry were thrown from the foundations. The men were crushed to the ground on the spot where they were attending to the rolls, and those beside the boilers were scalded by the escaping steam. The bodies of the men were so burned and begrimed that they were scarcely recognizable.

Ambassador Pauncefote's Retirement Washington, Jan. 30 .- The term of Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador to this capital, will expire in April. Some time ago, in view of his long and honorable career here, the ambassador's tenure was extended until April, and inasmuch as no official intimation has been received here of a further extension, it is supposed be will retire after another month's service. The date of the ambassador's departure for England will depend entirely on his own wishes and comfort. His retirement will make Baron Fava. the Italian amabssador, the dean of the diplomatic corps.

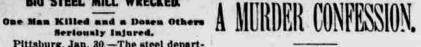
The Rush For Cape Nome.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 29.-Estimates made by local shipping men show that about 15,000 men are intending to reach Cape Nome by the first steamers from Puget Sound and Dawson. Twothirds of this number will go down the Yukon river from Dawson and other Yukon towns. A great prospective race is in sight between these two contingents. First arrivals will secure the best part of the beach, which will be in the greatest demand, because beach claims may be worked without flumes or machinery.

Death of a Modest Philanthropist. Newark, N. J., Jan. 30.-Mrs. Rachael A. Cartwright, reputed to have been worth over \$1,500,000, is dead at her home here. She was the widow of Benjamin Cartwright. Mrs. Cartwright concealed large and numerous benefactions by enjoining secrecy as to the source. She was vice president of the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In 1892 she gave to the society a tract of land in Nebraska consisting of 640 acres. The property is now valued at \$12,000.

Lake Fishermen in Jeopardy.

Marinette, Wis., Jan. 30 .- Six fishermen were carried out on the ice late yesterday, just north of Menominee. When last seen they were six miles out and drifting toward the lake rapidly. A rescue party left in a boat, but the prospect of rescuing the unfortunate men is small. The men were fishing through the ice at the time it cracked, and before tney could make the shore side they ewre drifting out. The ice is very thin, and liable to break up at any time.



James Pierce Has Admitted Killing George B. Eyre.

HE WANTED CHRISTMAS MONEY.

Miss Mary Cohen, of Wilmington, Del., Gives an Alleged Statement Made to Her by James Pierce-The Brothers Divided the Plunder.

Chester, Pa., Jan. 26 .- James and 'Pinney'' Pierce, brothers, weie arrested Wednesday night by Chief of Police Berry, charged with the murder of George B. Eyre, whose dead body was found on the shore of Raccoon island, opposite Chester, last Sunday, with ghastly wounds in the head.

Tonight the Pierce brothers were committed to jail without bail by Alderman Smith, after a hearing that lasted all afternoon, and the brothers will have to answer at the March term of court for the murder of Lyre. Up to the last witness it looked as if the case would fall, as not one witness of the 20 connected the Pierces in the most remote way with the murder, but the last witness created the greatest sensation that has been yet injected into this sensational case. This witness was Miss Mary Cohen, of Wilmington, Del. She said that Jim Pierce came to the house on Tatnail street, Wilmington, in which she lives on Friday, Dec. 22, and called her to the parlor, and that after supper they went out together, when Pierce bought her a watch and some other articles. Continuing her testimony the girl said Pierce remained all night, and during the night he cried out in his sleep: "Oh. I did it; I did it."

What did you do, Jim?" the Cohen girl asked, and Pierce awakening, said: "I murdered him; I murdered him," and continuing he said that he and his brother Pinney had shot and killed Eyre, then had sunk his body.

The story that Pierce had told her, Miss Cohen said, was as follows: "Me and Pinney were gunning with George Eyre. Pinney was in Eyre's boat and was in my own boat. I was short of Christmas money and I knew Eyre had some. I fired the shot and struck him in the back of the head, killing him instantly. Then Pinney tied his legs with a rope and we sunk the body in the river at the mouth of Raccoon creek. The boat, with one of the guns in it, was sunk about two feet from the place where the body was sunk. Pinney and me then divided the plunder, and then we stayed on the other side and came home in the morning." Miss Cohen said that she did not

tell any one of the confession of Jim Pierce until the weight on her mind grew so burdensome that one of the inmates of the house, noticing her worried appearance, asked her what the trouble was, and she told her. The story was then given to District Attorney Smith and Chief of Police Berry. The river is being dragged by boat.

men for Eyre's boat, but thus far without success. The recovery of the gun and skiff, the latter filled with stones, would be the strongest kind of backing to the Cowan woman's story, which is pronounced by the lawyers for the two prisoners and their friends to be a pack of lies, told by an irresponsible person of bad reputation,

Bartruff, a tanner, murdered his wife,

his son Carl, aged 5, and his daugh-

ter, aged 3, and then tried to set the

house on fire by overturning the hot

stove and piling the furniture on it.

The skulls of all the victims were

crushed with a blunt instrument

Bartruff remained in the burning room

until arrested. He suffered from de-

mentia. The boy Carl was an im-

Bryan's New England Ther.

Bryan's coming is timely for the Dem-

ocratic party. His audiences taxed the

Germany's Exports and Imports.

last year, according to an official state-

000 marks, which was a slight in-

crease upon the previous year. The

exports aggregated 4,517,000,000 marks,

which was an increase of 141,000,000

marks upon the figures of 1898. The

pig iron production for 1899 was over

8,000,000 tons, being an increase of 8

Ex-Minister Phelps Much Better.

Roberts Has No Claim For Mileage.

Berlin, Jan. 27.-Germany's imports

capacity of the halls.

per cent.

more are nearly so.

ever.

Providence, Jan. 30,-Colonel Will-

who is unworthy of belief.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED Wednesday, Jan. 24.

It is now decided that the German wine product dealers will exhibit at the Paris exposition.

Jeremiah Aoach was given 20 years for killing his wife at Jersey City. Captain Sam Gale and a party of

hunters were fined \$20 each for violation of game laws at Atlantic City, The steamer Pennsylvania, which leaves San Francisco for Manila Jan 25, will carry +1,350,000 to pay the soldiers.

Henry A. Hazen, a chief forecaster in the weather bureau at Washington, died from injuries received by a fall from his bicycle.

Thursday, Jan. 25.

Samuel P. Meyers was hanged at Somerset, Pa., yesterday, for killing Michael Karney and John Lenhart. Judge Orrin N. Carter, of Chicago. announces his candidacy for the ite publican nomination for governor of Illinois

Citizens of Washington presented to Commander Richard Wainwright, of the cruiser Gloucester, a sword of honor and a silver service.

By an explosion of powder at Summersville, Pa., Patrick Cosgriff and Elmer Howard, quarrymen, were terribly mangled. Howard died.

Republican senators selected the following senate officers: Secretary, Hon. Charles Bennett, of New York, geant-at-arms, Hon, D. M. Ransdoll, Mr. diana; chaplain, Rev. W. H. Milburn. Fridny, Jan. 26.

The national house, by a vote of 268 to 50, excluded Roberts, the Mormonille. A bill introduced in the national house proposes to abolish the war stamp act.

Lo Feng Loh, the Chinese ambassador to England, has been converted to Christianity.

Dowager Duchess of Schleswig-Holstein, mother of the German empress died in Dresden from pleurisy.

A Lowell tobacco firm such the gent ernment to recover duty paid on tobacco imported from Porto Rico.

Germany's naval bill was adopted by the bundesrath yesterday. It carries an annual expenditure of 11,000, 000 marks for 16 years.

Commissioner Peck refuses to per mit the exhibition of a \$130,000 golden statue of Anna Held, the actress, in the American section of the Paris exposition.

Saturday, Jan. 27.

Trenton children carry boiled water to school for drinking. Passaic water being declared dangerous to health. Most of the French papers hail with

keen satisfaction the announcement that the British have abandoned Spion Kop.

It is stated in Kansas City that Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, is McKinley's choice for vice president.

The transport Pennsylvania left San Francisco with \$1,500,000 in gold coin and a considerable sum in treasury notes to pay soldiers in the Philippines. An unarmed moth of several hundre i men took Convict Reynolds, who mur-dered Captain W. C. Rooney, in the penitentiary, from the prison at Canon City, Colo., and lynched him.

Monday, Jan. 29. Our export trade to China and Japan has more than doubled in the past two

years. Texas Populists declare that Bryan

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MINERS' WAGE SCALE KEYSTONE HAPPENINGS.

Being Discussed by Employers and News Items of Interest From All Employes at Indianapolis.

MINERS WOULD FORM A TRUST. COLLISION CAUSES EXPLOSION.

Ohio, Declares the Men Would Control Every Business Interest of the Country-For Increased Wages."

Indianapolis, Jan. 30 .- The first business of the joint conference of mine a and operators was the submission a the reports of the joint scale commutee. The propositions made were practically the same as have lean put lished heretofore. The infiners dring a ed an advance of 20 couts per ion on a run of the mine hosis. The operator offered an advance of 9 cents per t for mining, with the screens read ing the same as at propent. Anothe further condition in this proposition is that the state of Hlippin, which is now on a run of the mine basis, must call in under a double standard arrange ment and return to using scroning

President John Mitchell, of the Min-Workers, moved the adoption of the miners' scale. F. H. Robbins, a Peausylvania operator, moved to amend the motion by adopting the scale of the operators. The matter was then opened for discussion.

President Mitchell was the dest speaker, and said that during the plat year the price of coal had been higher than for several years, while the coar of living to the miners was also higher without an advance in wages to meet it. Under this arrangement he stud the operators were making a 12000 profit, which he thought should be divided with the miners.

Mr. Robbins answered by susing 19 or 90 per cent of the coal mined was contracted for immediately after an agreement with the miners had been reached, and as a consequence the mine owners profited nothing by the advance in the market. He said that a run of mine basis would be suicidal to the interests of the Pittsburg district for the reason that the coal had to be carefully mined, because it went to the great lakes and had to be handled several times in transit, hence must be gotten out of the mines in the best possible shape. He added that the coal had to go into a market where other coal was met that had been placed on sale at a less cost for mining, therefore quality was demanded to get the advanced price which the Pittsburg miner was forced to have, Mr. Robbins then cited the advance in the wages received by other trades unions and stated that the average advance was 9 per cent. The miners, he said, had received an advance of 18 per cent at Chicago and were now offered an advance of 14 per cent, making a total of 32 per cent in the last three years.

John P. Reese, member of the miners' executive board from lows plied that the facts should not be lost sight of in figuring this average. The miners' wages had gone lower during the panic than those of any other craft. He outlined the attitude of the miners and said they were willing to discuss the matter dispassionately and arrive at a settlement.

The last speaker was H. L. Chaping from a defective stove in the home man, of the Ohio operators, who took of Stephen Kandolf, of Honey Brook, the position that the miners were en-

Parts of the State.

H. L. Chapman, an Operator From Six Killed and Eight Injured in a Singular Catastrophe at Ashley-A Raid on Philadelphia's Opium Dens. Cattle Quarantined.

> Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 26 .- A fearful explosion of dynamite occurred in the yards of the Jersey Central railroad at Ashley, a suburb of this city, at 9 o'clock last night, which resulted in the killing of six men and serious injuries to eight others. The dead are: Frank McLaughlin, brakeman, aged 28, single; Peter Frey, engine wiper, aged 16; Michael Bird, brakeman, nued single; Charles Huney, aged 15 and two unknown tramps. Haney went to the engine house to idle away time instead of attending night school. The engineer lost control of a heavy freight train coming down the mountain, and at the Ashley yards the train dashed into a helping engine, which was sent into a car containing 30 boxes of dynamite. Ten locomonizes a 11 curs were wrecked, the stacks of the coundhouse and a portion of the rase ca-molished, and a hig water tank destroyed. Nearly every window in town was broken. The less is heavy

> Pennsylvania Cattle Quarantiaed. Beliefonte, Pa., Jan. 20.-The formers in Penn and Brush valley; this county, nave been pasturing a Invge number of cattle on the Brush and the Seven mountains. A few d yn ago the owners went to look after the cuttle and found it was impossible to get near them, owing to the fact that a number of them acted as if they y resuffering from rables. Dr. John Ritter, agent of the state live stock annitary board, is now here, and has found the situation so alarming that he has placed under strict quarantine corry farm in Miles township. A number of cattle have been killed by his order.

Locked Out For Organizing.

Philadelphia, Jan. 30 .- One hundred engravers of the Keystone Watch Case company were locked out yesterday because, it is said, they organized a union some days ago. When it became known in New York and Riverside, N. , that the men here were out the employes of the Keystone's branches at hose places went on strike. The ofors of the company say that the men e discharged because there was not coursh work for them, but admitted that there had been some labor trouble.

M. flex Stands a Chance to Recover. Huntingdon, Pa., Jan29 —After nine days of uninterrupted ur° insciousness ex-Chief Clerk Jerre B. Rex, of the Pennsylvania house of representatives. who was paralyzed at his home here, was able yesterday for the first time recognize his friends and comprehend words addressed to him. paralysis affecting his right side and tongue is still unyielding. If no fur-ther attack occurs, which, however, is feared, his physician gives hope for his partial recovery.

Death From Gas Asphysiation.

Hazleton, Pa., Jan. 29.-Gas escap-

the family

Train Robbers Showed Fight.

Holden, Mo., Jan. 30 .- John Jackson a detective of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad from Sedalia, was shot through the head by a train robber here early yesterday. Sunday Superintendent Hardy, of the Missouri Pacific railway, learned that an attempt would be made to rob the express car on the east bound Missouri Pacific train No. 8. A posse was organized in Sedalia and left there on a special train Sunday night. It was learned that the men were in a house in Holden, and flicers raided the place. As he entered the door Jackson was fatally shot. The robbers escaped, but one was subsequently captured, badly wounded. He admits taking part in several robberies.

Senator Mason Excited.

Washington, Jan. 30 .- Senator Mason (Ills.) arose yesterday soon after the senate convened to a question of privilege and sharply attacked the British government and the British vice consul at New Orleans because of an interview in which the vice consul had assailed Mr. Mason for the position he had taken in behalf of the Transvaal republic in its war with Great Britair Mr. Mason attacked not only the consul, but the policy of Great Britain in levying war upon an inferior nation

Ireland's Joan of Arc Here. York Jan. 30 .- Miss Maud Gonne, the I ish Joan of Arc, arrived mah line steamer Havre. Miss th and then

er time is here

Life Sentence For Mayhem

Macon, Ga., Jan. 30 .- W. D., alias Henry Smith, was convicted in the superior court here vesterday of mayhem. and sentenced to life imprisonment. Smith and his wife boarded with a Mrs. Susie Hillard, but on account of not paying board Smith was sent away, Mrs. Hillard keeping his young wife. Smith went to the house on Dec. 9 and being refused permission to see his wife dashed acid in Mrs. Hillard's face, permanently blinding her.

Favorable to Senator Scott.

becile. Washington, Jan. 30 .- The protest against Senator Scott, of West Virginia, occupying his seat in the senate will probably be decided soon by iam J. Bryan yesterday began a week's the senate committee on privileges and tour of New England for the purpose elections in favor of Senator Scott. of discussing the questions of the day The committee decided yesterday not to take any more testimony in the speaking three times-at Pawtucket and Woonsocket in the afternoon and case, because of its opposition in going in this city in the evening. As the behind the action of the state legislastate of Rhode Island is just on the ture in the matter of selecting its eve of a gubernatorial campaign, Mr. members.

Voluntary Increase in Wages. Philadelphia, Jan. 30.-The Union Traction company, of this city, which controls every street car line within the city limits, yesterday notified its conductors and motormen, numbering upwards of 5,000 men, that beginning ment just issued, aggregated 5,495,000,with Feb. 1 it would voluntarily increase the wages of the men. The men will work 12 hours a day, as heretofore, and the wages will be increased from 16 1-3 cents to 18 cents per hour.

Up Go Coal Prices.

Philadeiphia, Jan. 30.-The various bituminous coal carrying railroads, after a number of conferences, have practically agreed to advance the outside tidewater rates about 35 cents per ton. The new rates will go into effect on April 1. The inside tidewater rates have not yet been fixed, but it is believed the new figures will show an advance of about 30 cents a ton.

India's Starving Millions.

London, Jan. 30 .- In consequence of report received by the India office from Lord Curzon, who anonunces that 3,500,000 are receiving famine relief. a Mansion House fund will probably be started. The viceroy does not allow the dole except to those on the verge of starvation, and stricter tests than formerly are being applied.

To Leave Cuba to the Cubana

Washington, Jan. 30 .- Mr. Clayton, of Alabanma, yesterday introduced the following resolution: "Resolved, That on July 4, 1900, the military and naval forces of the United States be with-drawn from the island of Cuba and that the government thereof be left to the Cuban people."

The Samoan Treaty Stands.

\$1,000. A majority of th Washington, Jan. 30.-The senate, in secutive session yesterday, decided, by a vote of 21 to 38, not to reconsider are of opinion that he is to this money as vote by which the Samoan treaty 38 8 m

for president.

Killed His Wife and Two Chlidren Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, Cincinnati, Jan. 29 .- In an "over the favors open saloons between certain Rhine" tenement yesterday Charles hours on Sunday.

In the first nine months of last year 78,300 persons in the German empire engaged in strikes.

Fred Lind, Victor Fredericksen and Walter Grazesky, miners, were killed by falling timber at Henley, Wis.

The late John Ruskin had given away fortunes, and he lived on \$5 a day the last few years of nis life.

French elections resulted in a practical defeat for Nationalists, only three out of 30 senators being elected. Many generals were candidates, but only Mercier and Lambert were elected.

Tuesday, Jan. 30.

The shah of Persia is very ill and his physicians fear that he may not recover.

The Spanish steamer Valle has foundered off the Spanish coast, 13 of the crew being drowned.

President McKinley yesterday received congratulations on the 57th anniversary of his birth.

Judge Kohlsaat, of the federal court in Chicago, yesterday rendered a decision declaring the Illinois anti-trust law unconstitutional.

A Victoria (B. C.) dispatch says the Australian brigantine Ethel was scuttled and sunk by her crew, who mutinied and killed the captain, mate and four sailors.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.-Flour firm; winter superfine, \$2.2562.40; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.1063.20; city mills, extra, Nineteen Hundred a Record Breaker New York, Jan. 27 .- This will be the \$2.50@2.70. Rye flour steady at \$3.15@3.30 per barrel. Wheat quiet No. 2 red, spot, greatest passenger season known to n elevator, 714@7214c. Corn steady; No. transatlantic steamship companies, Al-2 mixed, spot in elevator, 37%G37%c. Oats steady: No. 2 white, clipped, 31%G32c. ready the American line has booked about 3,000 passengers and the Cunard lower grades, 25@30c. Hay barely steady choice timothy, \$16@16.50 for large bales line about 4,000. Bookings in nearly all the steamship offices, for spring and Beef steady; beef hams, \$2262.50. Pork firm; family, \$14614.50. Lard quiet; Janu-ary, \$5.17. Butter steady; western creamsummer, are the heaviest ever known. Some of the North German Lloyd line ary, 36.17. Butter steady, 16(219c.; June ery, 21(223c.; do. factory, 16(219c.; June creamery, 20(23c.; imitation creamery, 18 (2021/c.; New York dairy, 19(24c.; do. vessels have been filled, and many

622½c.; New York dairy, 19624c.; do. creamery, 21625c.; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 26@29c .; do. wholesale, New Haven, Jan. 30 .- Dr. Gilbert c. Cheese steady; fall made, fancy, who has been attending Prof. Edward large and small, 12%@13c.; late made, large, 11%612c.; do. do., small, 12@12%c. Eggs steady; New York and Pennsylva-J. Phelps, of the Yale Law school, formerly minister to England, since his nia, 17c.; western, ungraded, at mark, severe illness with pneumonia, stated 15@15c.; western, 17c. Potatoes steady: Jersey, \$1.25@1.75; New York, \$1.50@1.75; last night that the patient's condition was more hopeful than at any time Long Island, \$1.50/2; Jersey sweets, \$2.50 @3. Tallow stendy; city, 565 3-15c.; coun-try, 5½6.5%c. Cottonseed oil easy; primo crude, 31½@32c.; do. yellow, 34½@35c. since he had been taken ill. The crisis will not be passed for a few days, how-

New York, Jan. 29.-Beeves in fair de-mand; steers 10c. higher; bulls and cows, Washington, Jan. 30.—The house committee on mileage yesterday dis-cussed the claim of Brigham H. Rob-erts for mileage, which amounts to deavoring to form a trust. He said

"I have been in favor of united labor spent more time and labor and proportionately more money than I have in this joint movement, but I am forced to say you are violating the first principle when you attempt to adjourn sine die at the close of this conference, so as to head off any other state asking admission at the next meeting. This is a partnership and should require the consent of both parties for a radical consent of this king. Another thing, do you know what this defense fund you will attempt to raise means? It means you will be forced to control every business interest in this country; that you will control all of the great railroad systems on the continent and control all of the steamship lines entering or leaving its ports. It means more. It means you will control the domestic consumption and say whether or not the poor people of this land have fuel to cook their humble meals This will be nothing more or with. less than one gigantic trust, and you will be the stockholders.'

The conference then adjourned until today.

Barge Foundered and Two Drowned.

Norfolk, Jan. 30 .- News has reached here of the foundering of the barge Houseman and the loss of two of her crew. The barges Houseman, Rose Hagan and Three Sisters left Norfolk for Charleston in tow of the tug Protector. When off Frying Pan shoals a storm struck tug and tow. The Houseman broke loose and the huge seas caused her to founder, two of the crew going down with the barge. The tug and other barges managed to reach Morehead City, the barges in a half sinking condition.

Russian Spics in Sweden.

Stockholm, Jan. 30.-The newspapers are becoming persistent in their demands for explanations from the government in regard to the steps it is pursuing relative to the alleged Russian spies who for several weeks past are reported to have been seen in different parts of Sweden, especially in the neighborhood of fortified places. The papers declare that if the reports are true the government must address an unequivocal intimation to Russia that such proceedings must cease.

Five Philippines Towns Occupied. Manila, Jan. 27.-A dispatch from Sorsogon, dated Thursday, Jan. 25. says Brigadier General Kobbe's expedition has occupied Sorsogon, Donzol Bulan, Logaspi and Virac, on Catanduanes Island. The only resistance was at Logaspi, where five Americans were wounded and 45 dead and 15 wounded Filipin were found.

members of and six boarders were fast asleep caused the death of Mrs. Kandolf, aged for the past 20 years, and no man has 39 years, and almost suffocated all who were in the house. The gas was detected by two boarders who returned home at 3 o'clock in the morning and awakened the household

Raiding Philadelphia's Oplum Deas.

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.-As a result of a tragic death of a young woman last week in an opium den located in Chinatown, the police at 1 o'clock this morning started to clean out many of the dens. Thirty-nine Chinamen, one white woman and five white men were caught in the raid. Thirty-nine Chinamen were held for trial as proprietors and servants of the dens, one notorious white woman was sent to the house of correction, and the others were discharged.

Claims It Was an Accident.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 29 .- A fatal shooting affray occurred in the home of Kazimir Dudnew, at Duryea, yesterday. The man was cleaning a gun in the kitchen when, he claims, it was accidentally discharged. The load of shot entered the side of his wife, who was seated in the next room. She died in great agony two hours later. The husband was arrested.

Crushed to Death by Falling Tree. Kane, Pa., Jan. 29 .- A falling hemlock tree crushed Edward Reede and his son to death, near here, Saturday, The hemlock had lodged against a beech tree, and they were endeavoring to dislodge it, when the wind swayed the hemlock from its position and it fell on the men, killing both.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS BREVITIES.

Breaker boys who went on strike at Plymouth returned to work at the old scale.

The office of the Harrisburg Patriot was visited by fire, and the upper portion completely wrecked. Loss covered by insurance.

Superior Court Judge John I. Mitchell is suffering from a stroke of paralysis at his home in Williamsport.

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At the Shenandoah City mine George W. Acker was killed by a fall of rock. Injuries sustained by being struck by a locomotive caused the death of Edward Flaherty, of Shenandoah.

A decision of the Berks county court is to the effect that Boyertown may cetablish borough water works.

Fire destroyed the Angora cotton mill, in Philadelphia. Several girls were seriously injured, two having their backs broken by jumping.

John F. Stier, the Johnsonville (Northampton county) merchant, shot Thur-day night by a masked burglar to rob him, will probmp