

BRITONS' NEXT TASK.

The Relief of Starving Mafeking Is Now In Order.

BOER RAIDERS VERY ACTIVE

In Northwestern Cape Colony, and Martial Law Has Been Declared. Boers Preparing For Guerrilla Warfare in Zoutpansberg District.

London, March 6.—Mafeking is to be relieved as soon as the British force already on the way to Kimberley can raise the siege. This force is described vaguely as "strong." The Kimberley Light Horse is mentioned as a component. In view of the fact that the Kimberley Light Horse is under the control of the De Beers company, Lord Roberts' visit to Kimberley probably had to do with an arrangement with Cecil Rhodes to use this company of troops.

Mr. Rhodes and Colonel Kekewich have had differences of policy, it appears, which did not end with the relief of Kimberley. "What shall I do with him?" Colonel Kekewich is said to have wired to Lord Roberts, who half humorously replied, according to a story circulated at the clubs, "Put him in chains."

Lady Sarah Wilson wires The Daily Mail from Mafeking, under date of Feb. 19, as follows: "The food question is becoming difficult. A soup kitchen has been organized and horses, stray dogs and heads and feet of oxen are utilized. The town is on strict rations."

Fresh intelligence as to what Lord Roberts is doing has ceased again. This silence is taken to mean that something has happened or is about to happen.

Boer raiders are uncommonly active in the northwestern section of Cape Colony, where they are stirring up the Dutch. Martial law has consequently been declared.

Mr. Chamberlain's request for 2,500 additional Australian bushmen is understood to be explained by the fact that the war office requires this force for the pursuit of irreconcilable Boers who, according to the intelligence department, have been quietly collecting great quantities of ammunition and stores in the mountain fastnesses of the Zoutpansberg district, in the north of the Transvaal, where they are preparing to carry on guerrilla warfare.

A dispatch to The Standard from Osonfontein, dated Sunday, says: "Lord Roberts' army now occupies a most advantageous position. The Sixth division, under General Kelly-Kenny, is posted on the right and holds all the kopjes for a distance of five miles south of the Modder. The Seventh division, under General Tucker, is in the center, immediately south of the river, and General Colville, with the Ninth division, is on the north bank. The cavalry brigade, under General Borchers, is posted on the left front, and the mounted infantry, under Colonel Ridley-Martyr, on the right front."

The country around consists of wide, grassy plains, broken only by ridges and isolated kopjes. A body of the army has taken up a position on one of the latter, a flat topped hill to the north of the river, five miles beyond General French, who today took out horse artillery and shelled them. Another force of 4,000 strong, holds an isolated group of kopjes south of the Modder and in front of the British mounted infantry. Their position is surrounded on all sides by level plains, over which the Boers must make their way in order to reach the river. As a consequence their situation appears precarious in the extreme.

Theveldt is now in beautiful condition. Water is plentiful, supplies being obtainable not only from the river, but also from numerous small springs. The health and spirits of the troops are excellent. The British cavalry and mounted infantry have been reconnoitering the enemy's positions. There has been little fighting.

MINERS IN A RAILROAD SMASH.

Two Killed and Over Forty Injured. Some of Them Fatally.

Brazil, Ind., March 6.—A miners' train carrying 400 workmen employed at the mines north of here to their homes in this city was run into by a coal freight train on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad last night and the caboose and two cars were smashed to splinters. Melvin Easter and Charles Crompey were instantly killed and more than 40 persons severely injured. The wreckage caught fire, and rescuers were forced to make a heroic fight to prevent those pinned in the wreck from being cremated.

Among those seriously injured, many whom will die, are: Thomas Harman, both legs broken; Will Dodd, injured internally; William Menden, arm broken, injured in chest; Daniel Lynch, internal injuries; John Skon, back broken; Thomas Davis, arm broken; John Little, arm broken; William Vesper, internal injuries.

The Rush of Immigration. New York, March 6.—There is a rush of immigrants to this port at present. Lucania, which arrived Sunday, brought 390 to the Pretoria, 1,013, the steamer Yquem 400, La Champagne and the Spartan Prince 583, a total of 2,283. All were landed at the barge pier yesterday. There are 13,000 immigrants expected during the week.

Secretary Root Sails For Havana. Tampa, Fla., March 6.—Secretary Root and party sailed for Havana yesterday afternoon on the transport ship Albatross. The vessel arrived about 10 o'clock, and the party on being notified went down to the mouth of the bay on a steamer and were quickly transferred.

Jubilant Puerto Ricans. San Juan de Puerto Rico, March 6.—The Puerto Ricans are jubilant over the passing of the bill returning the Puerto Rican duties. The people generally are satisfied and approve 15 per cent measure. They are anxiously awaiting the action of the

WORST BLIZZARD OF THE SEASON.

Wisconsin and Southern Michigan Feeling Its Fury.

Milwaukee, March 6.—The worst blizzard of the season has been raging all night and day, the snow, however, changing to sleet. None of the steamers left port last night, as the harbor is icebound. One of the Pere Marquette line steamers is fast in the ice about a quarter of a mile from the entrance to the river. It is reported that 15 or 20 passengers are on board. The vessel is not believed to be in any danger, as the ice is of a slush variety. Specials from other points in the state report the most severe storm of the winter.

Detroit, March 6.—For the second time within a week southern Michigan is in the grasp of a furious snowstorm. Trains into Detroit are from one to twelve hours late, and similar conditions are reported generally throughout the region affected by the storm. The car ferry Great Western, which transfers Wabash trains across the river to Canada, has been aground on a shoal for five hours. Aboard the boat is the St. Louis limited passenger train. The local snowfall yesterday was 9 1/2 inches, making a fall of 20 inches in six days, more snow than has fallen in any one month since 1873.

THE SUPPRESSION OF "SAPHO."

The Leaders Held For Trial and Wallack's Theater Closed.

New York, March 6.—Olga Nethercole, playing the leading part in "Sapho," now being produced at Wallack's theater; Hamilton Revelle, the leading man; Marcus Meyer, manager of the company, and Theodore Moss, lessee of the theater, were each held in \$500 bail for trial in special sessions yesterday by Magistrate Mott, in the center street police court. They were paroled in custody of their counsel, Abraham Hunsdel, until 2 o'clock tomorrow, when they will again appear in center street court and give bail in \$500 each. As a result of the decision of Magistrate Mott Wallack's theater was closed last night and no production of "Sapho" was attempted. Chief of Police Devery had ordered Captain Thomas to take ten men in citizens' clothes and visit the theater and make arrests if an effort was made to produce "Sapho" along the original lines.

Sentenced For Forwarding "Sapho." Philadelphia, March 6.—George Y. Jordan and J. Harrison Jordan, trading as the Jordan Publishing company, and John Incho, an employe, who were last week convicted of sending obscene literature (Daudet's "Sapho") by express from this city to Chicago, were sentenced yesterday by Judge McPherson, in the United States district court. The Jordans were sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and costs and undergo an imprisonment of two years and six months in the Eastern penitentiary. Incho was sentenced to one year in the county prison. In the center street police court yesterday Magistrate Jermon held Bernard Kline, a street peddler, in \$600 bail for trial on the charge of selling copies of "Sapho."

Sugar Trust Dividend Reduced. New York, March 6.—The directors of the American Sugar Refining company, commonly known as the sugar trust, yesterday reduced the quarterly dividend of its common shares to half the rate maintained since 1895. It declared a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent for the quarter, or at the rate of 6 per cent annually, against 12 per cent paid since 1893. This reduction in the dividend rate is the result of the war between the American company and the new refineries.

No Time For Mediation Yet. Rome, March 6.—In the chamber of deputies, replying to several deputies who suggested that the time had arrived for mediation in South Africa, the minister of foreign affairs, Marquis Visconti Venosta, declared he shared such sentiments, but thought action in the desired sense could only be exercised when circumstances rendered it opportune and likely to be successful, and he thought that moment had not yet arrived.

Consul Hay Having No Trouble. Washington, March 6.—A cablegram received at the state department from Adelbert Hay, United States consul at Pretoria, indicates that he is having no trouble whatever in the full exercise of his functions, and especially is unhampered by the Boer officials, with whom he seems to be on an excellent footing, securing any information desired as to the condition of the British soldiers who are prisoners at Pretoria.

Steamer Wrecked, Fifty Lives Lost. Barrington, N. S., March 6.—The vessel wrecked on the ledge at Publico ten days ago was almost certainly the Elder-Dempster line steamer Planes Mercury, from Portland, Me., for Bristol. She was under command of Captain Pye. She carried a miscellaneous cargo valued at \$300,000, but no passengers. In addition to her crew of 44 she had six cattlemen. All are doubtless lost.

Rich Mines in Ecuador. Washington, March 6.—Consul General de Leon, at Guayaquil, reports to the state department the existence of copper and silver mines of great extent and promise about 35 miles from the coast of Ecuador, in the province of Ahuay, at an altitude of about 5,000 feet. He offers to supply full particulars to persons in the United States who are interested.

Veragua Abuses the "Yankees." Berlin, March 3.—The Lokal Anzeiger publishes an interview with the Duke of Veragua, in the course of which the Spanish nobleman abused the "Yankees" because the United States government had not continued his pension of 30,000 pesetas as a descendant of Columbus. He said: "They do not act like gentlemen."

Charged With Stock Conspiracy. Philadelphia, March 6.—Alfred Goslin, of New York, was arrested by Central station detectives last night charged with conspiracy to depress the value of the stock of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company. He admitted his identity and wanted to furnish bail, which the police officials refused to allow.

THE KENTUCKY RIVALS.

Civil Warfare Averted by the Act of the Republican Governor.

BELLIGERENT ORDER REVOKED.

Taylor Had Ordered State's Arms Removed to London, and a Democratic Senator Introduced a Resolution to Recapture Them.

Frankfort, Ky., March 6.—The orders for the shipment of guns and ammunition from the state arsenal here to London, Ky., by the Republican state authorities, was revoked yesterday afternoon and a car loaded with munitions of war, consigned to London, was unloaded and its contents returned to the arsenal in this city. The state officials give no reason for the change of program. The soldiers worked all forenoon loading the car. There is a report that the war department at Washington interfered and requested the guns and ammunition already taken to London to be returned here. The removal of the arsenal equipments was the subject of the following resolution in the senate yesterday by Senator Triplett, an anti-Goebel Democrat:

"Resolved, that a committee of two members of the senate and three members of the house be appointed to investigate the report that the guns and arms and munitions of the state have been removed by W. S. Taylor, or by his orders, to certain officers of the state troops, to London, Ky., and that if said reports are found to be true, the said committee shall at once prepare an act authorizing General John B. Castleman to purchase at once all the necessary guns and equipments to replace said material illegally removed, and that he is further authorized to summon to arms and equip a sufficient army of state militia to recover all of the guns and other munitions so taken, and replace same in the state arsenal, and further, the sum of \$250,000 be and is hereby appropriated by the general assembly of the commonwealth of Kentucky to carry out the provisions of said act and that the auditor of the state shall draw his warrant upon the treasurer for the sum necessary to carry out the provisions of the act."

A storm of applause followed the reading of the resolution, which under the rules lies over for one day. Now that the order to the Republican military has been countermanded the resolution will doubtless be withdrawn.

New York's Hall of Fame. New York, March 6.—At the quarterly meeting of the council of the New York university yesterday announcement was made of a gift of \$100,000, which is to be devoted to the erection of what is described as "the Hall of Fame for Great Americans." It will be in the form of a terrace, or promenade, on University Heights, connecting the Hall of Language and the Hall of Philosophy. The structure will be 506 feet in length, and will be in the form of a semi-circle, extending towards the west. It will be 170 feet above the Hudson, and will overlook the Hudson and the Harlem rivers, and will command a view of the Palisades. The donor is a citizen of New York, who desires his name withheld.

Baltimore's New City Solicitor. Baltimore, March 6.—Ex-United States Senator and former Governor William Pinkney Whyte was yesterday appointed city solicitor by Mayor Hayes, to succeed Bernard Carter, resigned. Governor Whyte accepted the place and was confirmed by council last night. Governor Whyte has a very large practice, much of which he will give up in order to accept the city solicitorship. Mr. Carter, who has for many years been counsel for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone company, resigned because of a difference between that corporation and the city regarding the company's right to lay electric subways.

Victims of Chinese Highbinders. San Francisco, March 6.—The son of the Tong in Chinatown was murdered yesterday by the murder of one of the most prominent Chinese merchants in this city and the wounding of a third man, all members of the Sun Yip organization. The victims of yesterday's outbreak are Poon Gee, Low Soon and Leong Cheu, members of the pork packing firm of Tuck Wo & Co. The first named were killed and the third seriously wounded. The store had just been opened, when four highbinders darted out of a small alley, opening up a fusillade. The murderers escaped.

Valuable Painting Seized. New York, March 6.—A special inspector of the custom house and a special agent of the treasury yesterday seized the Rubens picture, "The Holy Family," at the gallery of a Fifth avenue art gallery. The painting was entered at the local custom house on Dec. 17 last by Eugene Fischoff, an art dealer. It was valued at \$25,000 and was passed by the United States appraisers, and duty was paid in the fixed valuation. It has since been ascertained that the painting was sold at executor's sale of the estate of Sir Cecil Miles in London last May for \$43,000.

Why Carter Favors Quay. Washington, March 6.—Mr. Carter, of Montana, dealt vigorously with the Quay case in the senate yesterday in the course of an explanation as to why he will vote for the former senator from Pennsylvania. He voted against the seating of Mr. Corbett in the last congress because, he said, Mr. Corbett was endeavoring to benefit by a wrong perpetrated by himself. He declared Mr. Quay was the victim of a "diabolical plot" in his own state such as had no counterpart in American political history.

The Advance in Cotton. Atlanta, Ga., March 6.—The Journal says: Cotton took another leap yesterday, and at the close the market was at the highest figure in years. Atlanta spot went to 9 1/2. At the present prices cotton is worth about \$10 per bale more, and the crop about \$90,000,000 more than it was on New Year's day.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Wednesday, Feb. 28.

During a fire in Clarion, Pa., ex-Judge W. W. Marr dropped dead from excitement.

Laborers in San Juan, Puerto Rico, are on strike for an increase in wages, from three to five cents an hour.

Suit has been brought against Frick Coke company directors, charging them with working in the interest of the Carnegie Steel company.

Bishop J. M. Thoburn, missionary bishop in India, is suffering from nervous exhaustion, due to overwork. He will be forced to take a long rest.

Swedish mail steamer Rex stranded off Ruegen Island, Germany, and five stewardesses were drowned in attempting to leave the vessel.

Thursday, March 1.

The national senate passed the bill providing a territorial form of government for Hawaii.

The Ohio house defeated a woman suffrage bill by 49 yeas to 57 nays. It required 89 yeas to adopt.

The Democrats in the Kentucky legislature passed the bill offering a \$100,000 reward for Goebel's murderer.

Three children of Edward Friedlaender, aged 18 months to 6 years, were suffocated in a New York tenement fire.

Joseph Glenn, a farmer near Bluefield, W. Va., objected to his daughter's suitor, Albert Marsh. He killed Marsh, his daughter and himself.

Lon Curry, one of the robbers who secured over \$30,000 by holding up a train at Wilcox, Wyo., last June, was killed while resisting arrest at Dodson, Mo.

Friday, March 2.

Cecil Leslie, connected with Brooklyn's Franklin syndicate, was captured in Cleveland.

A bill to repeal New York's common law marriage statute has been reported in the legislature.

Laurence Rummell, 18 months old, pulled a lighted lamp on himself in his Newark (N. J.) home and was burned to death.

George W. Watts, 18 years old, sentenced at Baltimore to a year's imprisonment for larceny, tried suicide by hanging.

The bodies of 96 soldiers who died in Cuba since the end of the Spanish war were buried with military honors at Arlington cemetery yesterday.

Prof. Arthur C. McGeffer, of Union Theological seminary, is to join the Congregational church, thus averting a heresy trial by the Presbyterian general assembly.

Saturday, March 3.

Membership of the Methodist churches is less than two years ago.

Texas yesterday celebrated the 64th anniversary of Texas' independence.

Near Wake, Va., a boiler explosion killed George Steurer and seriously injured his two sons.

In a quarrel over a match W. L. Adkins killed Edward Brooks, a fellow clerk in an Atlanta store.

A snowstorm which started Wednesday noon in Buffalo continued without cessation until last evening.

Lee Stever, late colonel of the First South Dakota regiment, has announced himself as a Republican candidate for the United States senate.

The Guy V. Henry committee, at New York, proposes to raise a fund for the general's widow to put her beyond possible want.

Sunday, March 5.

Archbishop John Hennessy, of the Catholic diocese of Dubuque, Ia., died yesterday, aged 75.

Fire in a cheap lodging house in the Bowery, New York, resulted in seven deaths and serious injuries to two others.

President David Star Jordan, of Leland Stanford university, predicts the downfall of Great Britain in the coming century.

Rev. Daniel J. Hauer, the oldest Lutheran clergyman in the United States, celebrated his 94th birthday anniversary Saturday at Hanover, Pa.

Warrants have been issued for several men and boys at Mount Carmel, Pa., who are charged with ill treating 12-year-old John Fabb, until he became crazed.

The British consular inquiry at San Francisco has found Chief Engineer McDonald, of the transport Manuense, guilty of negligence and drunkenness and fined him \$150.

GEN. BATES' EXPEDITION

Occupying Towns in Southern Luzon With Slight Resistance.

A SHORT BATTLE AT LIBMANAN.

The Filipinos, Concealed in the Rice Fields, Resisted the Fortieth Regiment, Losing a Hundred and Fifty in Killed and Wounded.

Manila, March 6.—General Bates' expedition to Southern Luzon, consisting of the Fortieth and Forty-fifth regiments, a total of 2,300 men, has occupied Nueva Caceres, province of South Camarines; Daet, province of North Camarines, and the neighboring smaller towns. The enemy resisted at one point, and two Americans were killed, including Lieutenant John B. Galleher, of the Fortieth regiment.

On Feb. 29 the expedition arrived at San Miguel bay, landed, and, in three columns, immediately pushed inland, converting upon Nueva Caceres and attempting to control the enemy's routes of retreat.

At Libmanan, northwest of Nueva Caceres, the enemy was concealed in the rice fields and resisted a battalion of the Fortieth regiment, which engaged them at close quarters with bayonets. After 40 minutes' fighting the enemy fled, and Libmanan was occupied. The Americans buried 64 of the enemy, whose total loss in killed and wounded is estimated at 140.

From Libmanan the expedition proceeded to Nueva Caceres, the gunboat Paragua arriving ten minutes ahead of the troops. The town was found practically deserted. The Americans, daily scouting in the vicinity, report that the enemy have retreated into the mountains.

The insurgents around Legaspi and Albay, province of South Camarines, are harassing the Americans nightly. Foreigners doing business at Legaspi are living on ships in the harbor or in the American barracks.

DUTIES PAID BY PUERTO RICO Will Be Returned to the Island For Public Improvements.

Washington, March 3.—Within two hours after a special message from the president recommending the immediate passage of a bill to place in his hands all the moneys collected upon Puerto Rican goods since the Spanish evacuation of the island, to be used for the relief of the Puerto Ricans, had been read to the house yesterday the house had passed and sent to the senate a bill to carry out the recommendation. The message came like a bolt out of a clear sky to the minority. They were at first inclined to hail it with delight as a reproof of the majority for the passage of the Puerto Rican tariff bill on Wednesday. The Republican leaders, however, had a bill ready to carry the president's recommendations into effect, and it was passed by a vote of 162 to 107, 13 Democrats, 2 Populists and 2 Silver Republicans voting with the Republicans in the affirmative. Under the bill about \$2,000,000 already collected and all duties hereafter collected will be returned to Puerto Rico.

The Advance in Coal Prices. Philadelphia, March 6.—After several meetings of representatives of the more prominent bituminous coal interest engaged in shipping coal to tide-water points to consider questions of contract prices for the year beginning April 1, have agreed upon rates which, as compared with the present contract tide prices for soft coal, is an advance of about 70 cents. Of this advance the new freight rates, which go into effect on April 1, will consume 35 cents, leaving 35 cents advance to the operators. Deducting from this ten cents per ton for the advance in the miners' wages, which will, it is confidently expected, be demanded and granted, the operators will have a net advance for their coal of 25 cents per ton.

An Iowa Bank Looted. Ottumwa, Ia., March 6.—Some time between Saturday afternoon and yesterday morning burglars got away with a considerable sum of money from the vault of the Farmers' bank, at Farmington. It is claimed that \$17,000 was secured, but the officials say the loss will not reach that figure. The affair is a mystery, as the time lock showed no indication of having been tampered with and the door was found locked, as usual.

Bouteille to Seek Re-election. Bangor, Me., March 5.—Congressman C. A. Bouteille has so far recovered from his recent illness, which made it necessary to send him to Boston for treatment, that he has decided to seek re-election. Yesterday his brother announced the candidacy of the congressman for renomination and election.

The Philippines Liquor Traffic. Washington, March 6.—Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts, yesterday introduced a bill to "regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Philippines." It prohibits the sale of distilled or intoxicating liquor in quantities less than 20 gallons except on a physician's prescription for medicinal purposes. Severe penalties are provided for violations.

MOON'S PHASES.

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Philadelphia, March 5.—Flour in light demand; winter superfine, \$2.30@2.50; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.15@3.25; city mills, extra, \$2.50@2.70. Rye flour steady at \$3.15@3.40 per barrel. Wheat firm; No. 2 red, spot, in elevator, 70 1/2@71 1/2 c. Corn firm; No. 2 mixed, spot, in elevator, 38 1/2@39 1/2 c.; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 41@41 1/2 c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 31@31 1/2 c.; lower grades, 29@30 c. Hay well maintained; choice timothy, \$17 for large bales. Beef quiet; beef hams, \$21@21.50. Pork dull; family, \$14@14.50. Lard easy; western steamed, \$6.12 1/2. Butter firm; western creamery, 20@20 1/2 c.; do. factory, 17@20 c.; June creamery, 18@19 1/2 c.; imitation creamery, 18@20 c.; New York dairy, 18@20 c.; do. creamery, 20@21 c.; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 25@26 c.; do. wholesale, 27 c. Eggs easy; New York and Pennsylvania, 16@16 1/2 c. Live poultry quoted at 10@10 1/2 c. for fowls and chickens and 11@12 c. for ducks. Dressed poultry, choice western fowls, 11 1/2 c.; old roosters, 8 c.; nearby chickens, 11@12 c.; nearby turkeys, fancy, 15@16 c.; geese, 7@8 1/2 c.; ducks, choice and fancy, 12@14 c.

KEYSTONE HAPPENINGS.

News Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

PLUNGED DOWN AN EMBANKMENT

Serious Accident to a Train on the Broad Top Railroad—Conductor Killed and Two Injured—To Increase the Pennsy's Capital.

Huntingdon, Pa., March 6.—An accident to the early morning passenger train on the East Broad Top railroad yesterday at Martin's Meadow resulted in the death of Conductor George W. Briggs, the probably fatal injury of Mine Superintendent Frank Lyon and Grant Schmittle, and the serious injury of a dozen passengers. The accident was caused by a broken rail, and the derailed cars, containing about 100 passengers, were thrown over an embankment. Scarcely any of the travelers escaped without some injury. A lone woman passenger and her little babe were extricated from the debris, the former being severely hurt, while the babe escaped without a scratch.

To Increase the Pennsy's Capital. Philadelphia, March 6.—The annual report of the Pennsylvania railroad, which was made public last night, makes the important announcement that at the annual meeting in 1901 the stockholders will be asked to authorize an increase in the capital stock of \$8,000,000, bringing the capital up to \$150,000,000. The growing traffic, the report says, makes it necessary to continue improving and adding to the property, and the policy of the company, while taking part of the expense from current income, is to get a portion through an increase of capital.

Death of Ex-Judge Walker. Pottsville, Pa., March 5.—Ex-Judge Thomas H. Walker died at his home here Thursday night, aged 77 years. Judge Walker, who was born in Lancaster county, was admitted to the Schuylkill county bar in 1846. Ten years later he was elected district attorney by the Democrats, and in 1871 was elected an additional law judge of the county for ten years. Governor Hartranft, in 1878, appointed Judge Walker as one of the delegates from Pennsylvania to the international prison congress, which met at Stockholm, Sweden, the same year.

Death of Editor Griest. Lancaster, Pa., March 6.—Frank Griest, aged 46 years, son of Postmaster Ellwood Griest, who died a few weeks ago, and a brother of Secretary of the Commonwealth W. W. Griest, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at the home of his mother in this city. He resided at Millersville. He was editor of the Lancaster Inquirer, a paper man of exceptional ability and one of the organizers and a director of the Lancaster Press club. A widow and two children survive.

Tramp Fight Results in Murder. Hazleton, Pa., March 5.—The remains of an unknown tramp about 40 years of age were found near the Granberry colliery yesterday. The man lay in a pool of blood, and three holes were in his breast. It is believed that a number of tramps had a fight in a nearby shanty, where they were accustomed to stay at night, and that the man was murdered. The officers have been instructed to hold on suspicion every tramp they encounter.

Couldn't Fight the Glass Trust. Pittsburg, March 6.—The Independent Window Glass Manufacturers' association, formed last December by a number of prominent independent manufacturers, has proven a failure, and notices have been sent out announcing that the association is dead. The chief trouble here, the start was that some of the manufacturers refused to adhere to the prices and rules adopted by the organization.

Spartansburg Industry Wiped Out. Corry, Pa., March 5.—The tannery known as the Western Union tannery, at Spartansburg, with its contents, was destroyed by fire yesterday. With no means to fight the fire, the citizens had to stand helplessly by watching the only industry of the town being destroyed. The loss is \$80,000. The Corry Opera House, with its entire contents, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss \$45,000.

Pennsylvania Miners on Strike. Meyersdale, Pa., March 6.—Fifteen hundred miners of the Meyersdale coal region went out on a strike this morning for a preliminary advance of five cents per ton to place them on an equal basis with the George's Creek region, prior to asking them for the ten cent advance on April 1, which has already been granted to the George's Creek miners.

The Atlantic Baseball League. Allentown, Pa., March 5.—A meeting of the Atlantic Baseball league will be held here on March 9 or 12. President Fogel, who was in town yesterday, said the league will consist of eight clubs, and that the circuit will be made up from Elmira, Binghamton, Scranton, Wilkesbarre, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Trenton, Newark and Atlantic City.

Pennsylvania News Brevities. In an attempt to board a freight train near Rockville Frederick Von Heede was killed.

Bishop Hoban has issued a decree forbidding funerals on Sundays in Scranton's Catholic churches.

Forty applications for liquor licenses have been filed in Centre county, two more than last year.

Falling into a drunken sleep on the railroad near Johnstown Michael Such was killed by an engine.

Word has reached his home, at Bloomsburg, of the death of Private William Samuels, of Company F, Twelfth Infantry, in the Philippines.

The double track of the Lebanon Valley branch of the Philadelphia and Reading railway, between Robesonia and Myerstown, is now practically finished.