BRITISH AWAKEN TO THE FACT THAT WAR IS NOT OVER.

PRETORIA THREATENED

British Startled By News of Losses By Death, Disease and Capturss By the Boers.

London, July 17 .- While the terrible darkness which now for nearly three weeks has enshrouded Pekin is unbroken by a ray of light of a gleam of hope, there comes news from Lord dramatic incident of the day occurrent Roberts of a serious disaster to Brit- this afternoon, when Mr. Campbell told ish arms in the capture of some 500 men and two guns, at the moment when the press was assuring us that the war was virtually over.

It is a heavy blow and a great discouragement to the nation. Not that the certainty of ultimate success in a military sense is affected-that has nev. er been in doubt, the odds, if nothing else, are too great to admit it-but success in war, like success in private life, may be bought too dear.

Public faith in Lord Roberts will not be shaken by this, his first reverse. "Bobs" is a popular hero and deserves to be one. He is not only a brilliant and dashing commander and every inch a soldier, but he is also a man of singular urbanity, simplicity and tact, beloved by all who know him and admired by all who do not.

The Boers have long been hopelessly outnumbered. The exact ratio between the two armies cannot be known, but a moderate estimate is 8 to 1. The capitals of both republics have long been in our hands. General Jouhert is dead. General Cronje, with his whole force, is a prisoner at St. Helena. The Free State has been regularly and otherwise annexed. President Kruger and President Steyn are fugitives.

SERIOUS QUESTIONS.

Sir Edward Gray, who supports the in possession of the state house, pregovernment's policy of war, has said that any fool can annex. A protest ing any attempt to capture the assassin. against annexation is being signed by a large number of influential and eminent Englishmen, who are anything but bullet that is supposed to have killed fools. It will be disregarded. Mr. Chamberlain has committed the government to the absorption of the republics In this empire.

But the longer the war lasts the more anxious about the future do thoughtful ones become. Can a people who prefer death to servitule be ever really subdued? Can they be coerced into anything more than sombre quiescence. which will last as long as there are sufficient troops on the spot to quell re- Passes Away of Heart Disease At sistance and not be prolonged an hour more?

These questions may be put aside, but they will recur. General Botha and Burlington, Ia., died at 4:30 a. m. today General Dewet are very able strate- of heart failure in his apartments at gists. General Dewet was said some the Portland in this city. time ago by the military critics in this country to have been surrounded. The health for a year or more, death came operation must have been imperfect, entirely unexpectedly. He was in exfor instead of surrendering he now cellent spirits last night and made enica



Georgetown, Ky.-(Special.)-In the Caleb Powers trial today a jury was secured and the commonwealth outlined the case of the prosecution. The jury consists of the following men: W. O. Tinder, A. G. Stone and Alonso Kemper, independent democrate; J. C. Por-Craig, W. L. Munson, W. H. Oldham B. E. Ford, J. P. Crosswaite, J. T. Mul. berry and Harry Mussellman, democrats. There are eight farmers, one blacksmith, one clothing merchant, one coal merchant and one jeweler on the jury.

At 11 o'clock Judge Cantrill administered the oath to the jury and then Atthe Record from St. Petersburg says: torney Thomas Campbell began to give The czar has received with great emothe state's case. Probably the most tion the dreadful details of the catasthe jury the prosecution would prove that a few days before William Goebel was shot, Caleb Powers, in the pres. ence of Charles Finley and a witness, merely in form of rumors had reached raised his hand and said: "Goebel has not as many days to live as there are fingers on my hand."

While he was saying this Arthur Goe bel was gazing fixedly at Powers, who was plainly nervous and excited. As Campbell paused and glanced at Powers every eye in the audience was turnposed of, the fanatic mob danced 'round north." ed on the pale prisoner, and nearly evthe caldron

erybody whispered to his neighbor: 'Doesn't he look bad?" Campbell continued and said he would be able to prove that Powers knew the

assassination was to take place, 'and tured fiendishly until death ended their foreign general, Tung-Fuh-Slang. knew that his office was to be used by the assassin, but went away that day to sufferings. M. de Giers and his legaward off suspicion. He detailed how the 1,000 mountain men came to Frankfort under Powers' immediate direction, and how, when the main body of them returned home, a number of the more ically proclaimed his faith in Christiandesperate characters were kept in ity, encouraged by the wife who so soon Frankfort to guard the man who was shared his martyrdom.

to do the shooting. He further said he The announcement of this intelligence would prove that W. S. Taylor had told Powers that "the militia is ready to come out as soon as you fellows act." and in half an hour Powers started for Louisville. In less than two hours Goe. bel had been shot and the troops were venting the civil authorities from mak-D. M. Woodson, the civil engineer throng and the whole of St. Petersburg who extracted from the tree the steel s full of lamentation

Immediately upon the receipt of Ad-Goebel, was the first witness. He said a niral Alexieff's dispatch the cfiar orline stretched from the bullet hole in lered the cabinet and council of state the tree to the front window in the o go into session at once.

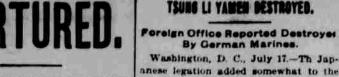
secretary of state's office would pass over the spot where Goebel fell and would strike a man of Goebel's height just below the shoulder.



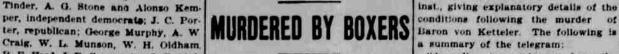
Washington.

Washington, D. C., July 14 .- United States Senator John Henry Gear of

While Senator Geor has been in ill



THE RUSSIAN MINISTER MEET? A TERRIBLE DEATH.



Chinese Minister At Washington Tries To Get A Message To Mr. Conger At Pekin.

to Tien Tsin appear to confirm the rumore of the destruction of the legation and the murder of the minister. The Chicago, Ill., July 17 .- A dispatch to minister, it appears, was shot on the way and carried into the tsung li yamen, where he expired shortly afterward. Upon hearing of his death the trophe at Pekin. Tears coursed down German marines rushed into the tsung his majesty's cheeks as he read the ca- Il yumen and burned it down. It furblegram from Admiral Alexieff, at Port ther reported that the foreign reinforce-Arthur, confirming the horrible details ments which left for Pekin on June 10 of assassination of M. de Giers, which advanced as far as Lang Fang, but after terrible suffering returned to Tien

fund of information from Pekin by an

official dispatch from the minister of

foreign affairs at Tokio, dated the 6th

"According to a telegram from the

minister of foreign affairs, the reports

brought by Chinese couriers from Pekin

Russia. The admiral declares that the Tsin on the 26th. The allied forces de-Russian envoy was dragged through stroyed several arsenals at Tien Tsin, the streets by the Boxers, insulted, their losses being nearly 300 killed and beaten and tortured and even thrown wounded. From June 27 to July 1 no into a great kettle and boiled to death. further fighting took place, but Chinese Then the remains were thrown to the troops, about 20,000 strong, were said dogs. While M. de Giers was being dis. to be advancing on Tien Tsin from the

sticks until life was extinct. The lega- ing the murder of the foreigners in Pe-

The message says that Tung, enraged tion officials resisted desperately and by the defense made by the British lehis brave bodyguard killed many of gation, ordered the heavy guns to fire, that a very large percentage of the the attacking mob. In the midst of his demolishing the legation and setting German people see no harm in the siltortures the envoy is said to have hero. the ruins aflame. The result was the ver plank of the democratic platform annihilation of the foreigners.

NO ANSWER FROM CONGER.

The Chinese Minister Tries To Get Some Information.

Washington, D. C., July 17 .- The Chiister Conger or from a second inquiry which he forwarded yesterday. This country should help to maintain repubsecond dispatch was to the taotal of lics wherever they exist. Shanghal and said in substance:

"American government and people greatly concerned over safety of Min. campaign since 1864: Things appear to ister Conger at Pekin. Can you give be badly mixed. Some of my friends, The Taotai of Shanghai is a high of. look upon the monetary issue as less ficial who will be able to get the earli- perilous than the dangers of imperial-

isters murdered. To all inquiry he sorrawfully shakes his head and says that just now. he has absolutely no information and MILWAUKEE GERMANS AGAINST can only hope for the best. The report of the killing of the Russian minister



GERMAN VOTE WILL GO TO THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

LANDSLIDE PREDICTED.

Democratic Stand on Imperialism and Trusts Considered by Them the Paramount Issues.

St. Louis, Mo., July 17 .- The German vote, which was almost solid for Mc-Kinley in 1896, will apparently divide Louis, said: "I believe that the numthis year. Germans, as a rule, are ber of democrats of German de mucch opposed to McKinley's imperial- who voted for McKinley in 1886 on the ism, and many are so undecided that silver issue has been greatly overestiunanimity of action, as in 1896, is un- mated. I think there were many, espelikely. The Post-Dispatch correspond- cially of the laboring class, who either ents in telegraphing the following in- said nothing or gave the impression terviews, were instructed to get the that they were for McKinley, fearing views of the most representative Ger. to lose their positions, who voted for man editors and merchants without re. Bryan. And I believe the number who gard to party:

BRYAN SENTIMENT STRONG IN CHICAGO.

the Freie Presse: I believe that the the fold. 'Anti-imperialism' will not majority of German-American voters New York - A Shanghai dispatch pub will vote for Bryan and Stevenson, not Mme. de Glers, Alexieff's advices de- lished here says: Prince Sheng, the di- because they are for 16 to 1, but beclare, suffered a worse fate than death rector of telegraphs has communicated cause they believe that imperialism and and was beaten and tortured with sharp a message to the consuls here announc- trusts are more important issues just now than the money question. You tion officials are said to have been tor. kin and laying the blame on the anti- will find that Carl Schurz will come out for Bryan this year.

Christian Meyer, lawyer and member the democrats. It will not appeal to of the Chicago school board: I think them." and will support that party because of its stand against imperialism.

Jacob Ingenthron, lawyer, civil war veteran and chairman of an association of 340 German societies: There will be a big landslide among the Germans to wards Bryan. Anti-militarism and anti. expansion are the leading issues. The nese minster continues to exert his ef. flirtations of the country with Engforts toward getting information from land during the past year have es-Pekin, but up to a late hour today he tranged the Germans from the repubhad not received any answer in con- lican party. They don't like the attiign office was besieged by an evcited nection with the cipher cable to Min- tude of the government toward the Boers. The Germans believe that this

> William Vocke, lawyer, republican stump speaker in every presidential who have always been republicans, the republican policy of subjecting to fusion forces of South Dakota will win bring some reliable news on the situa- our dominion islands of another hemi- a complete victory." sphere, populated by a heterogenous

> Minister Wu was much depressed by and semi-barbarous mass of people. the continued reports that the lega. Others stil lregard the silver craze as tions had been wiped out and the min. dangerous. I doubt whether any fairly makes but little headway on account correct prognostications can be made of the constant stream of visitors. It

> > M'KINLEY.

Milwaukee, Wis .- Mayor David S and his wife was another severe blow, Rose: I consider that imperialism is July 17.)-At noon today the British but as to this Minister Wu said he had the issue. Imperialism means militarism. Militarism means forced service The report from St. Petersburg of the in the army. That threatens liberty. slaughter of the Russian minister and I and my countrymen will, therefore, his wife at Pekin sent a thrill of horror support Bryan. The Germans oppose imperialism because they know what it through the foreign establishment here, means. They left their country to cease and the political battle lines will none of whom, however, was able to shed the slightest light upon the sub- avoid militarism. They are not going ject. At the Russian embassy the offi- to support it here. Robert Schilling: I consider neither cials are neither able to confirm or deny silver nor imperialism the issue. The stating that the government was not ity gate. The practice was good, the in the habit of forwarding news devel. abolition of the national banking law is the most important, and most of the opments to its diplomatic representa-Germans side with Bryan. Adolph Schmitz: I don't believe the At the German, French, Japanese Germans are going to support McKinley. I shall not, and I believe most of ments, horror was expressed at the rethe Germans will vote against the reported occurrence, although in none of publican party. Imperialism is the isthese quarters was there any knowl edge of the facts.

ers. Expansion, it was and shadowed militarism and had been the chief case of a great ber of Germane leaving the fal Without a dimenting vote res were adopted declaring imperialism the paramount issue of the campaign and indorsing the nominations of Bryca and Stevenson.

MANY IN ST. LOUIS WILL VOTE FOR BRYAN.

William F. Woerner said: "I believe that many of the democratic Germans who voted for McKinley in 1896 will vote for Bryan this year, but not mearly so many as would have come back to un had the platform makers omitted 16 to 1. If silver had been dropped, I believe practically all who left us in 1995 would now return."

Judge Leo Rassieur, republican, R. voted for McKinley was largely offset by German republicans of the laboring

class who secretly voted for Bryan. So I do not believe there is any large num-Cchicago, Ill.-George Myer, editor of ber of democratic Germans to return to appeal to voters of German birth or descent, except those who came to this country in the forties and who can be classed with Carl Schurz. But their number is very small. Recent immigrants and the majority of descendants of native Germans will not be affected. by the anti-imperialism campaign of

SAYS SOUTH DAKOTA IS SAFE.

A Texas Man Puts It in the Bryan Column To Win.

Lincoln, Neb., July 17 .- Among the visitors at the Bryan house Saturday were Judge Van Wagenen, a leading democrat of Sioux City, Ia., and E. J. Bradley of Texas, a member of the populist national committee. Mr. Bradley was on his way home from the South Dakota fusion state convention, and brought cheering news of the conditions in Pettigrew's state.

"You may put South Dakota in the sure Bryan column." said Mr. Bradley. "Not only was harmonious and complete fusion perfected, but the strongest ticket ever named in South Dakota was placed in nomination. On It are two of the best known Norwegians and two of the best known Germans in the state, and it is as are as anything can be that, under Pettigrew's able and experienced leadership, the

Mr. Bryan is hard at work on his correspondence and other important. work, but with the best intentions he is possible, if he can get his affairs in. shape, that he may leave Lincoln for a few days' fishing trip before going to Indianapolis for the notification on August 8.

PREPARING FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

The Russian-Korean relations at the present moment are all that could me any information on the subject?" be desired. The audience of the Kod his credentials to the czar, was most est reliable information, and this per- ism and militarism. They don't approve ean envoy last week when he presentordial. The Korean minister and his sonal appeal from the minister may abinet are inclined to be favorably

mpressed by Russia's successful activ. tion. ty in China and the empire's tolerant sttitude toward Japan.

HARD FIGHTING NEAR TIEN TSIN.

pounder mounted last night, which was

infilading the advanced position of the

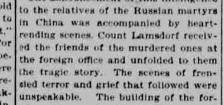
illies. From 2 to 4 o'clock in the morn-

ook place, the Chinese shelling the set-

ng an artillery duel of eleven guns

British and American Forces Attempt a Capture.

Tien Tsin, July 6-(Via Shanghai, and American allies unsuccessfully at- absolutely no news. to capture a Chinese flifteen



tions.

Some believe this surprise and cap given up the game and that those who usual health. thought the war over when Lord Roberts marched into Pretoria have been living in a fool's paradise.

MOVE TO ARBITRATE STRIKE.

Citizens of St. Louis Hope To End the Labor Troubles

St. Louis, Mo., July 17 .- The citizens' movement to secure arbitration of the controversy between the St. Louis Tran- Dr. Davis, was summoned. An examsit company and the employes who are on strike is assuming great proportions. distinguished patient was suffering Hundreds of names are being secured daily, among them being some of the most prominent citizens of St. Louis, ator Gear would last scarcely an hour. who wish to see a speedy termination two months.

Cars are running as usual, despite feel a trifle better." the reports circulated that large numhers of employes hired since the strike began are descriing the transit company. Sergeant-at-Arms Ransdell of the sen-

W. D. Mahon, national president of ate was notified of Senator Gear's death the Amalgamated Association of Street and began arranging for the funeral. Railway Employes, who resumed charge of the strike after being out of the city for several weeks, made a statement in which he said:

"I find the men as determined as two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Blythe, wife they were when they first went out in May, and that they still have the sup- of the principal attorney of the Chiport, not alone of the trade unionisis of the city, but of the great mass of Mrs. Horace Rand, wife of a prominent the people as well. In fact, I find some business man, both residing in Burlington. They will join the fur cal people who were indifferent and, if anyparty at Chicago on Monday and will thing, were opposed to the men before. proceed thence to Burlington on a speare now out and out for them, declar cial train over the Burlington. Funeral ing they are in the right."

Caution is marking the actions of the striking street car men at present. Since President W. D. Mahon arrived here. in the city Friday he has had several conferences with the executive board and with the grievance committee.

At 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon the committees met with President Mahon ties to whom the contract for putting in Walhalla hall. A telegram was sent in the electric light plant was awarded, same organization, is now in Denver. and the signing of the bond. The con. to the Boxers. Mr. Gompers and the board is asked tract and bond were signed and acceptto stop off in St. Louis on their way ed July 11, and, according to the terms cast to advise with those in charge of of the contract, we are to have a fully the situation here and hold a mass equipped fifty-eight-are light electric plant on or before November 11. meeting.

gagements with some political friends for today. Shortly before 9 o'clock last evening, accompanied by Mrs. Gear, he ture of the British squadron is part of went out driving with Secretary Wila movement for reoccupying Pretoria, son of the agricultural department. However that may be, it is conclusive They returned about 10 o'clock and the proof that the Boer leaders have not senator retired an hour later in his tlements from the native city. The

These were his last words. Fifteen

minutes later he was dead. Today

The remains were taken directly to

Burlington, Ia., which for many years

Senator Gear left, beside his widow,

has been the home of Senator Gear.

English and Japanese guns shelled the Shortly before 2 o'clock this morning forts from the viceroy's and yalemen's the senator summoned his confidential secretary, Colonel R. Root, and inform-British silencing two of the guns.

The fire of the enemy burned one of tives. ed him that he was troubled with congestion in his chest. Mrs. Gear was MacKenzie's wool godown warehouses. The loss was over 100,000 taels. It is Chinese and all other foreign establish called and she and Colonel Root applied estimated that over 500 shells fell in the some simple remedies which seemed to settlement, practically wrecking many relieve the senator's suffering. At 2:30 of the building. Undoubtedly spies are Senator Gear complained of serious difficulty in breathing. His condition benforming the enemy of the troops and of the situation in the quarters of the came critical and his family physician, dlies, especially after a bombardment ination convinced Dr. Davis that his ias taken place.

The Chinese trained one naval gun or from heart trouble, and, calling Colonel he allies. Efforts were made to capture silenced gun, and a tremendous fire Root aside, he informed him that Senwas encountered. Today's casualties were as follows: Killed, two bluejack About 4 o'clock the senator seemed to of the strike, that has lasted more than be easier, and when as by Mrs. Gear as its and two members of one of the Chirese regiments; wounded, three officers to his condition, replied faintly: "I wo blue jackets, two marines and five nembers of one of th Chins rgimnts. FUNERAL AT BURLINGTON.

POINT TO A DREADFUL TRAGEDY.

Reports From China Are Not in the Least Encouraging.

Washington, D. C., July 17 .- Nothing authoritative has come from China to life or deepen the gloom of despair in every civilized capital concerning the fate of the foreign colony in Pekin. Ail the cumulative reports point steadily to ago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, and a drendful tragedy.

In his anxiety to aid the United States government, Minister Wu has sent two urgent messages to the tatal then at Shanghai to ascertain the sitintion in the Chinese capital. His resly, Washington feels, he it early or services will be held in Burlington on ate, will only confirm the worst fears. Wednesday. No services are to be held Two Japanese transports, bearing a part of the army corps, have arrived

it Taku, according to a dispatch from ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR HASTINGS. Admiral Remey. The American naval Hastings, Neb., July 17.-Under the commander also reports two defeats of conditions of the contract with the par. Shinese at positions commanding river communications with Tien Tsin.

This cheering news is in part offset to Samuel Gompers, president of the the entire plant is to be finished and by word from Consul General Goodnow American Federation of Labor, who, turned over to the city within four hat the governors of Helnan and Shanwith the executive committee of the months from the signig of the contract is have issued proclamations favorable

LUMBER MILL BURNS.

Spokane, Wash .- The Buckeye lumber mill burned last night with 100,000 feet populist forces, which are situated of lumber. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, half. chiefly in the southern states.

LITTLE M'KINLEY TALK IN IN-DIANAPOLIS.

Indianapolis, Ind.-John P. Frenzel reasurer gold democratic national com, mittee: So far as I am informed, th Germans of Indiana are against Bryan.

Ferdinand Seineike, editor of the Ger. man Telegraph. The Germans are on posed to the new conquest policy of the infantry, moving north, located the republican party. They were the orig-Boers, 1,000 strong, occupying the ridge inal anti-imperialists. If the question far as the governorship and legislature from which they were driven the day of imperialism can be made the paramount issue and the fear of free coinage can be dissipated, a majority of the Germans will vote for Bryan.

Herman Lieber: I voted for McKinley and will not vote for him again. British to bring the howitzers into ac- but I have not yet determined to suption. The infantry deployed for a gen- port Bryan. I am utterly opposed to Christian Brink: Germans mostly will vote for Bryan. The money issue discussed save the carly campaign work British right. The mounted infaniry, is dead and the question of imperialism in this state and the possibility of a rewill influence the German vote against ception to President McKinley when he

> BROOKLYN GERMANS INDORSE BRYAN.

New York .- Bryan and Stevenson, and the democratic platform were enthusi- supervision of Senator Hanna, who will astically indorsed at a meeting of the make his headquarters here from July German-American Citizens' league at 25 to September 1, and will then divide Brooklyn. This was the first meeting his time between New York and Chiof any of the local German-American cago. With him will be associated Corassociations since the Kansas City con- nellus N. Bliss, Joseph H. Manley, Senvention. Among the members of the ator N. B. Scott and Frederick S. Gibbs. league are men who have been con-

nected with both political parties.

convention regarding silver did not Root had a conference with General meet with the approval of the meeting, Buffington, chief of ordnance, relative the declaration against imperialism was to the supply of army ordnance of all reparded as of supreme importance. kinds. After the conference Mr. Root Ex. Assemblyman Kempner, president set at rest all reports of a possible t the league, announced that the motio shortage by saying that there was of the German-Americans during the complete supply of ammunition, guns, campaign would be "save the repub- and ordnance material of every char-President McKinley's expansion acter, including field guns and all nec-110." theories were denounced by the speak. essary equipment.

Both Partles Will Open Headquarters in New York.

New York, July 17 .- Skirmishing will be more closely drawn, with the result that the heavy firing will begin.

Headquarters were opened in this dty Monday by both of the old parties. Routine work will be done by the democrats, so far as the state is concerned, in the rooms taken in the St. James building. The real campaign will be organized and executed from the Hoffman house where the leaders will make their headquarters.

Senator Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, will be here on Wednesday and will then decide whether a branch of the national headquarters shall be opened in New York. Four years ago the late William P. St. John defrayed all of the expense of the headquarters here, but it is doubtful whether another can be found to duplicate his generosity.

There can be no doubt that the democrats plan an active campaign here. with the idea of capturing the state so goes, even should McKinley get its elec. toral vote.

Republicans, too, are all ready for the heavy work of the campaign. There was a short conference at the Fifth Avenue hotel yesterday, attended by Senator Platt, S. Fred Nixon, F. D. Kilburn, J. J. O'Dell. Jr., William Barnes, jr., and General Francis V. Greene. It was said that nothing was comes to New York next month.

It has been decided the republican campaign work in the east carried on from this city will be under the direct

WELL PREPARED FOR WAR. Washington, D. C., July 14 .- Secretary While the action of the Kansas City

THEY CHOOSE INDIANAPOLIS. Chicago, Ill., July 17 -- A special to the Tribune from Indianapolis says Indianapolis has been selected as headquarters of the middle-of-the-road populist national committee. Verbal as-

surance of this fact have been received by officers of the populist state committee. At the populist national convention held in Cincinnati, Chicago was selected as national headquarters, bu the national committee has decided that Indianapolis will be a better van tage point from which to manage the

London, July 17 .- A report from Plat kop says that the British engaged th Boers all day long. Scouts and mounted

before. Colonel Thornycroft's men held the ridge facing them. Members of the Strathcona Horse were driven in thoroughly by a heavy musketry fire. After a heavy resistance the Boers forced the eral advance under Clery's direction McKinley's imperialistic policy. The Boers opened fire in all directions. shelling with the guns posted on the in the face of a severe fre, attacked the

ALL DAY FIGHT AT PLATKOP.

The Boers and British Engage in a

Sharp Encounter.

kopje four miles to the east forced the Boers from a number of ridges, de tached parties retiring on the center. while a gun on the right was withdraws through a ravine toward an intrenched hill.

Boers. A gun placed on an intrenched McKinley.