IRA L. BARE, Proprietor. TERMS: \$1.25 IN ABVANCE. NORTH PLATTE, - NEBRASKA.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

******* A. M. Esler, a pioneer of Montana, is dead at Atlyn.

At his old home, down in Buckport, Me., Secretary Long throws aside the cares of office and joins in the annual festivities of the Custard Pie associa-

The hard coal syndicates in Silesia and the Rhine provinces have driven up the prices of hard coal 25 per cent. and soft coal in Berlin is 50 per cent.

The Law and Order league of To eka is talking of making Rev. Dr. Charles M. Sheldon chief of police. James Ramsey was forced to resign the place because he failed to close the

The deposits of the Kansas City National banks have increased over \$5,-000,000 in the past ten weeks. They now amount to \$55,541,320, and are \$11,000,000 larger than they were # A large number of Pima Indians on

the Sacatan reservation, Arizona, have refused to send their children to the Indian school there and Agent Hanley is powerless to force them to obey the school law. The New York state republican

committee agreed upon Erastus Knight, comptroller of Buffalo, as the republican candidate for state comp-troller in place of William J. Morgan recently deceased.

Dr. E. L. Armstrong, for thirty years physician of Perry, Mo., and one of General Cockrell's command through the entire civil war, was thrown from a buggy by a runaway team and received injuries from which he died.

From a reliable source it is ascertained that the Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany has been suffering for a year with cancer of the breast. The disease is already far ad-vanced, and she is a very sick woman

Commissioner of Labor Calderwood will urge the Montana legislature to prevent, if possible, the importation of more Japanese laborers into the state. Nearly 2,000 Japanese are employed on railroads, displacing white la-

The Pao-Ting-Fu expedition leaving Che Foo numbers 4,000 men. It is made up as follows: British, two regiments of cavalry, battery of horse artillery and 300 infantry; Italians, 1,000; Japanese, 300; Russians, 300;

President McKinley has not made reappointment to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of General Wheeler, but it is probable the recomndation of General Chaffee to have Colonel Daggett appointed and retired will be carried out.

dent of the Robinson Bank.

The postmaster general has received communication from F. W. Vaille, firector of posts in the Philippines, showing that there will be a surplus of receipts over expenditures up to June 30 of \$19,449. This does not include fees for money orders amounting to \$6,500. There is one department yet to hear from.

Coal mine owners on the Pacific cast are apprehensive of trouble with their miners, in view of the present condition of affairs in eastern coal mining districts. The coast miners, according to the owners, are not disnatisfied with the amount of wages, out threaten trouble if the working my is not reduced from ten to eight

Pickpockets robbed United States enator F. M. Cockrell of Missouri of his pocketbook containing about \$230, in Sedalia, Mo., one day last week, and he did not know of the loss until a toffice man returned the pocketbook to him, empty, except for some papers bearing his name. A letter collector had found the book in a street letter box.

It is reported from Norwich that the Standard Oil company is trying to obtain control of the Caeshire sait trade. It is stated that it will be a month

pefore a train can reach Galveston and that in the meantime the only communication must be made by means of boats.

The comptroller of the currency isnational banks at the close of business September 5.

James J. Corbett, the ex-champion of prize fighters, has quietly left the ountry and gone to Europe, deserting his wife and taking an actress with

On September 1 the per capita circulation was \$26.85, the highest the United tSates has ever known. The enumerators' sheets are not in

yet, but it is already known that the returns will show there are in the country between 5,500,000 and 6,000,-000 separate farms.

David E. Mackey filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United tSates court at Evansville, Ind. His liabilities are

Zed Floyd, a negro, was taken from jail at Wetumpka, Ala., and hanged floyd had entered the sleeping room of two young women, and when discovered jumped from a window.

Henson Devorse, an octogenarian pioneer of St. Joseph, Mo., died after a protracted illness. He was a close friend and confidant of Joseph Robiloux, the founder of St. Joseph, and the first white man who pursued the vocation of trader with the Indians

n that section of the world. The next council of the Order of Rec den will be held in New York city. A large gathering of all the chieft the great Sloux nation, from Roseud, Pine Ridge, Cheyenne and Lower irule, is being held at Standing Rock They claim that the treaty is tavalid s three-fourths of the Indians did not

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE WHAT GERMANY WANTS

Ready for Peace with China but Only on Conditions.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF

Allied Powers to Determine Punishment of Instigators of Outrages-The Foreign Office at Berlin Communicates Its Views to Other Nations.

BERLIN, Sept. 19 .- The foreign office has sent a circular note to all the powers announcing that the German government considers that an indispenzable preliminary to the beginning of peace negotiations with China is the delivering up of those who were responsible for the outrages.

The text of the telegraphic note is as follows:

The government of the emperor holds as preliminary to entering upon diplomatic relations with the Chinese government that those persons must be delivered up who have been proved to be the original and real instigators of the outrages against international law which have occurred at Pekin. The number of those who were merely instruments in carrying out the outrages is too great. Wholesale executions would be contrary to the civilized conscience and the circumstances of such a group of leaders cannot be completely ascertained. But a few whose guilt is notorious should be delivered up and punished. The representatives of the powers at Pekin are in a position to give or bring forward convincing evidence. Less importance attaches to the number punished than to their character as chief instigators or as leaders.

The government believes it can count on the unanimity of all the cabinets in regard to this point, insomuch as indifference to the idea of just atonement would be equivalent to indifference to a repetition of the crime. The government proposes, therefore, that the cabinets concerned should instruct their representatives at Pekin to indicate those leading Chinese personages of whose guilt in instigating or perpetrating outrages all doubt is excluded.

VON BUELOW. The note has been sent to the German ambassadors at Washington, London, Paris, St. Petersburg, Rome, Vi-

enna and Tokio. WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 .- A copy of the German note demanding the punishment of the leaders of the rebellion in China was presented to Acting Secretary Adee at the state department during the day from the German embassy. The German charge, Baron Sternberg, being temporarily absent from the city, there could of course be no attempt at discussion of this most important question. The baron is expected to return tomorrow, when the subject may be taken up with him. Samuel G. Swerengen, the oldest the earnest attention of the president the annual such members of the cabinet who hom near Duncanville, Iil. He was born in Ohio on January 8, 1807. He was one of the largest land owners in along been directing its efforts to the largest land owners in along been directing its efforts to the largest land owners in along been directing its efforts to the Meanwhile the note itself will receive final settlement with the Chinese government and has so far not been heard from relative to the matter of punishment beyond the indirect reference contained in the notes that have defined the government's purposes. The question is now presented plainly whether the negotiations shall proceed without a decision on that point.

> To Bring Home Dead Soldiers. WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 19.— Colonel William S. Patten of the quartermaster's department, on duty at the war department has completed arrangements for the free transportation to the United States of the remains of soldiers and sailors and civilians who lost their lives and were buried in the island possessions of the United States and in China. According to the present plans of the department a burial corps will take passage on the transport Hancock, scheduled to leave San Francisco October 1 for the Philippines.

> No More Boef Scandals. CHICAGO, Sept. 19 .- Bids for various kinds of meats for the soldiers in China will be opened here at army head quarters on September 22. The following supplies are wanted: Beef in cans, 60,000 pounds; bacon, pounds; ham, 62,000 pounds. Bids for furnishing the ham will not be opened until September 28. Bids for furnishing the canned beef must be accompanied by a guarantee that the meat will keep in any climate for one year.

> > Lost at Galveston.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Sept. 19.-Mrs. Crocker, wife of the superintendent of the city schools, has just received news of the death of her sister, Mrs. B. Whitcomb of Webster, Tex., who, with her two children, was visiting a sister in Galveston on the night of the awful storm. The body of only one child has been found. Mrs. Whitcomb was raised in Richardson county and lived here the greater portion of her life.

An Indian Outbreak Feared. DENVER, Colo., Sept. 19 .- Word has been received here to the effect that the Indians in San Miguel county are catching and taking away the range horses of the white settlers and that an outbreak is feared.

Shern on is Very Feeble.

MANSFIELD, O., Sept. 18 .- Hon. John Sherman, accompanied by his daughter and physician, left last night for Washington, Mr. Sherman is very feeble, but anxious to return to Wash-

Boers Are Still Active. LONDON, Sept. 19 .- The British continue to meet active opposition in the Lydenberg district of the Transvnal. An official report from Machadedorp, dated September 15, says that firing was heard in the direction of Nalspruct

MORE MEN JOIN THE STRIKE.

Mines Which Worked the First Day

Shut Down or Seriously Crippled. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.-If, as President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers claimed last night, 112,000 of the 141,000 mine workers in the Pennsylvania anthracite coal fields were idle yesterday, it is certain that this number has been considerably augmented today by additions to the strikers' ranks. Reports from the four big districts embracing the hard coal region are to the effect that fewer men are at work today than were working yesterday and that colliers that worked full-handed yesterday are badly crippled or shut down today.

The weather has grown much colder since yesterday and this change is greeted with joy by the mine workers, who believe it will greatly increase the demand for coal and thus force an early adjustment of the difficulties between them and their employers. Talk of arbitration is so persistent that the hope is growing that this method of settling the strike will finally be adopted, although the mine owners declare they will deal only with their employes as individuals, and the strike leaders say they will insist upon formal recognition of the union. This difference would appear sufficiently strong to keep employer and employe apart forever if persisted

One little band of miners in the Wyoming valley, those of the West End Coal company, at Mocanaqua, numbering a few hundred men, stand out prominently as the only men at work out of nearly 90,000 in the Lackawanna and Wyoming regions Efforts to have them join the strikers have failed. They say they have always been treated kindly, they have no grievance, and they will, therefore, remain loyal to their employers,

THE DEAD WILL REACH 6,000.

The Property Loss of \$22,000,000 Not Considered Too High.

GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 19.-Reluctantly one is forced to the opinion that the number of dead, which had been placed at 5,000, is too low and that the number will go as high as 6,000, and perhaps even above that number. The list will reach the total of 4,437 with additions sent out today. In addition to all this, it must be zemembered that only a comparatively small number of the negroes who perished in the storm have been reported. After considering all these facts one can hardly do anything else but conclude that the total to be finally reported will be above 6,000. Everyone has tried to be as conservative as possible in making estimates, both as to the losses of life and property, but it is not possible to relterate the former estimate of 5,000. Judge Mann stated today that in his opinion the list would go as high as 7,000. The exact number, of course, will never be definitely known. One can only hope that these larger estimates will prove too high, and that at least a part of the horror of the work of the storm will not be so strongly in evidence.

There is no development which would lead to the belief that an estimate of a property loss of \$22,500,000 is too high. While one occasionally finds a business man whose property has not suffered greatly, it must be stated that this class is popelessly in the minority and that large losses are the rule.

St. Louis Helps the Texans. ST. LOUIS, Sept. 19.—Almost \$70,-000 in money has been raised in St. Louis by the Merchants' exchange, the Interstate Merchants' association and other similar bodies for the relief of Galveston sufferers, and the work continues unabated. A considerable quan tity of supplies had been sent to Galveston, but this has been discontinued on receipt of the following: advising generous donations of foodstuffs received, for which heartfelt thanks are tendered. Future dona-

tlons should be in money.
"W. A. M'VITTIE, "Chairman Relief Committee."

LOURENZO MARQUEZ, Sept. 19. Fighting is proceeding at Komatipoort. All the available men have been sent to the frontier. It is expected that Komati bridge will be destroyed. There is great uneasiness

Komatipoort is a town on the Transvaal frontier and on the railroad leading from Pretoria to Portuguese territory. It is situated about fifty miles from Lourenzo Marquez.

Convicts Captured.

SIOUX CITY, Sept. 17 .- W. P. Campbell, a half-breed for whom the officers of the South Dakota penitentiary at Sioux Falls have been searching for more than two months, was captured in this city. He escaped from the Sloux Falls prison July 3. He had yet to serve seventeen months of his sentence of two and a half years, which he received on being found guilty of receiving stolen property. Campbell has been in Sioux City a month,

Cheyenne County Lands.

SIDNEY, Neb., Sept. 19 .- Eight thousand acres of choice grazing land was sold by the Union Pacific Land company through their local agent, Otis D. Lyon, to the Atlantic Realty company of Omaha, represented by the G. H. Payne investment company. The land is eight miles west of Sidney. The demand for Cheyenne county lands is daily becoming greater. Large bunches of cattle and sheep will eventually utilize every quarter section in the county.

Capture More Locomotives.

LONDON, Sept. 19.-Lord Roberts reports from Machadodorp, under date of Monday, September 15, that a few minor skirmishes have takenp lace between the British troops and the Boers. He adds that General French has captured fifty locomotives, in addition to the forty-three locomotives and other rolling stock which he took when he occupied Barberton, September 13, and that General Stephenson was expected to occupy Helspruit during the afternoon of September 17.

BIG STRIKE IS NOW ON

Titanic Struggle Between Operators and Miners in Pennsylvania.

OVER 100,000 MEN QUIT WORK

President Mitchell Rept Busy Receiving Reports From Every Section of the Mining Districts-Says It Will Be the Greatest Labor Fight on Record.

HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 18 .- The great struggle between the antaracite coal miners of Pennsylvania and their employers was begun teday. side is confident of winning and neither of the contending forces shows any disposition to yield. With the exception of a trivial incident at No. 3 colliery of the Lehigh Cool company, where a gang of boys compelled a mule driver to reek cover by throwing stones at him, the contest this far has been devoid of violence of any kind.

The exact number of men who struck cannot at this time be told. Reports received by the United Mine Workers' officials from the entire arthracite region were, to them, most satisfactory In this territory, known as District No. 7, there are 16,000 men employed in and about the mines. Of this number it is conservatively estimated that about 50 per cent, or about 8,000 miners, obeyed the order to quit work. Five thousand of these belong to collieries which did not work at all, and the remaining 5,000 to mines that worked short-handed. The district south of this place, known as the South Side, was tied up completely, with the exception of the Coleraine, Beaver Meadow and Carson's washeries. this territory the United Mine Workers are very strong. On the north side, the Upper Lehigh, Milnesville, Ebervale and Drifton No. 1 collieries. employing about 1,500 men, are shut down. The mines at Lattimer and Pond Creek, employing 1,200 men, are working full time, but every other mine in that big territory is working with badly crippled forces. Three of the Markle mines, over which there has been so much contention, worked all day with about 65 per cent of the men. On the west side every colliery started up today minus its union men, except at the Hazel mines, where the union men went to work in consequence of

a misunderstandto Hazleton today presented an animated appearance. Strikers from all the surrounding mining towns arrived early in the day and gathered in groups on the street corners and discussed the situation. It was a most orderly Around strike headquarters at the Valley hotel there was more or less of a crowd of men all day.

President Mitchell, who arrived from the west last night, was kept busy all day and evening receiving reports from every section of the region. Messengers bringing information to him from nearby points kept coming reg-ularly. Mr. Mitchell decided an important point today in the matter of arbitration. Last week the miners employed by G. B. Markle & Co. decided not to strike until the firm had passed on a set of their own grievances, which differs somewhat from those of the United Mine Workers. The firm has an agreement with its men that if any differences fail of adjustment, then the grievances shall be arbitrated. John Markle of the firm yesterday agreed to have Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia mediate, if the firm and the miners cannot come to an agreement. President Mitchell stated today that he would ask the men employed by Markle to cease work. The men employed by Markle might gain concessions through arbitration, but it was now a case of securing a uniform settlement throughout the anthracite district.

President Mitchell tonight gave out the following statement: "Information received up to tonight shows that 112,000 mine workers are on strike in the anthracite region. Of this number 72,000 are in District No. 1, 30,000 in District No. 3 and 10,000 in

District No. 7. "Reports received are to the effect that a large number of those who went to the mines today will join in

the suspension tomorow.
"The number of men now out on strike exceds that of any other industrial contest in our country."

Afraid of Oom Paul Kruger. BERLIN, Sept. 18.-The Vossiche Zeitung points out that the "singular orders given by the Portuguese to the governor of Mozambique authorizing the departure of Mr. Kruger for Europe permit Mr. Kruger to sail only for a

European port," adding: "The government in sending this toes beyond its powers. Doubtless Lisbond is acting under pressure from Great Britain, which fears presumably that Mr. Kruger is going to the United States to appeal to a people whose Boer sympathies are still unchaken."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 -The census bureau announces that the population of La Crosse is 28,895, against 25 096 in 1890. This is an increase of 3,805, or 15.7 per cent.

conulation of Augusta, Ga., is 39,161, as against 33,300 in 1890. This is an increase of 6,141, or 18.44 per cent.

Rumored Death of DeWet. NEW YORK, Sept. 18 .- It is ru-

mored in Johannesburg that General Christian DeWet, the Boer officer, was killed on the 7th inst., near Potchefstroom, says the London correspondent of The Tribune,

Big Money in a Mine.

DENVER, Sept. 18 .- The News announces this morning that Thomas F. Walsh will receive \$13,000,000 for his Camp Bird mine at Ouray, Colo., from a syndicate of English and American investors, headed by Alfred Beit, the South Afreian diamond king, and J. Pierpont Morgan, the New York banker. It is said that a draft covering the first payment is now on deposit at the First National bank. John Hays Hammond, the mining expert. arrived at Ouray today to make a final examination of the mine on behalf of the syndicate.

LEAVING THE STRICKEN CITY.

Every Boat and Train Out of Galveston

Londed to Its Capacity. GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 18 .- The steady stream of refugees from Galveston is kept up. There is not a departing train from across the bay which is not packed to its platforms. There will be refugees leaving for a week to come.

No sadder sight could be imagined than the picture presented by a boat load of refugees when the ropes were cost off and the craft swung out into the bay and away from the stormswept city. There was not an eye that was not moistened by tears. So great has been the rush to leave behind the scenes of the storm that the Lawrence, the boat which connects with trains at Texas City, has not failed to leave its wharf a single day without denying passage to a portion

of those who wanted to get away. At Texas City a Philadelphia newspaper has established a relief depot which is doing splendid work. This journal has sent down a trainload of supplies, a staff of special correspondents, a corps of physicians and a band of trained nurses.

Instead of waiting till Galveston was reached to begin work, immediately steps were taken to care for the refugees at the bay terminal of the Galveston, Houston & Henderson and during the night and yesterday hundreds of hungry refugees were fed. while numbers of sick and wounded

were cared for. There is plenty of work on hand for ten times the forces of laborers at present employed. The area which has as yet been untouched embraces four and a half miles of frontage on the beach and bay and before it is cleared the bodies which lie rotting beneath the tangled timbers will fall to pieces. Even now there is no semblance of humanity in the gruesome things which are uncovered by the workers.

Adjutant General Scurry, who is in supreme command now, is unable to pay the laborers for their services. He ardently desires to do so and teday impressed upon the company the need

of money. There is a great deal of trouble in properly distributing supplies, the rush at the depots today being as great as at any time since they were opened. In line before the relief stations were women of evident refinement. They were jammed in between negroes and the poorer classes of whites. It must have been a terrible struggle for them to accept succor in such a guise, but there was no alternative before them. It has, indeed, been a divine mercy that the weather since the storm has been clear and Had it rained a single day the suffering would have been terrible, for there is scarcely a whole roof in Galveston.

There are now about 200 soldiers in Galveston doing guard and police duty. The camp on the wharf is being rapidly put into shape and the soldiers will soon be comfortably housed.

CHINESE PAY HEAD MONEY.

Entry In an Official Record Cited as

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 18,-Among the advices brought by the Breconshire from China were stories of the arrest of Chinese with the heads of foreign soldiers in sacks. It seems that head money of 50 taels is paid for each head. This fact was brought to light by the discovery of the private papers of Viceroy Yu Lu of Tien Tsin. In their daybook there is an entry which reads: "Taels 100 paid for the heads of two Americans killed in the advance to the relief of Tien Tsin. Taels 50 for the two guns captured on the same occasion."

The entry explains many ghastly incidents which have been recounted of the killing of wounded. Whea Captain Beyts and three marines with him fell at the engagement before Hsi arsenal attempts were made to decapitate them. The next night some Chinese were found hiding in the millet and in trying to escape were bayoneted. One clung with great pertinacity to a bag, which when opened was found to contain the head of a United States marine, Gunner Watkins.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 .- The following dispatch has been received at the White House from Mayor Jones of Galveston, addressed to the presi-

"The people of Galveston, through me, desire to return their sincere thanks for the great interest you and the United States government, through you, have manifested in their behalf in their hour of trial. While their sufferings are indescribable, yet they have ever in their minds the great government which never fails to respond to the distress of its citizens, and they also know that at the head of that government is an upright, Christian gentleman, whose every effort is to relieve the distressed with all the means and power at his command."

Prince Albert Killed.

DRESDEN, Sept. 18 .- Prince Albert of Saxony was killed in a carriage accident yesterday at Wolkau, a short distance from Dresden.

Prince Albert of Saxony was the fifth son of Prince Frederick George of Saxony, brother of the king. He was born in Dresden, February 25, 1875; was a captain in the First regiment of Uhians and was a chevalier of the order of the Black Eagle. He was unmarried.

China Seeks Peace.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 .- The desire of China to actually begin the negotiations for peace was evidenced in a dispatch from Prince Ching, delivered by Minister Wu to the State department. The dispatch was dated at Pekin, September 8, and in it Prince Ching stated he was clothed with full authority, along with Li Hung Chang, to negotiate for peace. He expressed a desire to proceed in the matter and asks Minister Wu to submit a request to the secretary of state to send instructions to Minister Conger to begin negotiations at once.

TROOPS OFF FOR CHINA

Reported that British Government is to Send More Troops to the Orient.

SOLDIERS ARE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Portions of Army Which Fought Boers. Rest in Indis-Americans to Establish Permanent Communication Between Pekin and Tien Tisn.

LONDON, Sept. 17 .- In consequence of the prediction by Sir Robert Hart that there would be further hostilities in China in November, the Associated Press understands the British government is considering the transfer of troops from South Africa to India in order to make it practicable to send more troops to China. The miltary authorities consider the war in South Africa so far ended that troops may now be removed.

It is probable that the Russian legation has already been removed from Pekin to Tien Tsin, but there is no definite news as yet whether Li Hung Chang will after all go to Pekin.

General Dorward is going to the capital, leaving the troops at Tien Tsin under command of Brigadier General Horno campbell. Vice Admiral Alexleff has returned to Taku.

The Americans have begun at Ho Si Wu a permanent telegraph line between Pekin and Tien Tsin.

The Pekin correspondent of the Daily News says that the assassin of Baron von Ketteler has been shot. The Morning Post's representative says that the question is being discussed of sending relief to a few British, French and American engineers, who are besieged in a city 200 miles south of Pekin.

Shangnai advices say that a house has been engaged there for Count von Waldersee, who is expected to arrive

Chinese officials estimate that 20,000 disbanded chinese soldiers managed to remain behind in Pekin. Other dispatches confirm the report that in addition to Hsu Tung, guardian of the heir apparent, Hu Lu, viceroy of Chi Li, and Wang Yi Yung, president of the imperial academy, with 200 members of official families, committed suicide

when the allies entered Pekin. Chinese regulars are reported to have relieved the Roman Cahtolic stronghold at Ho Chien, in the province of Chi Li, which the Boxers had been besieging since June.

'i e Shanghai correspondent of the Times, wiring yesterday, says: Li Hung Chang has been notified from Berlin that he must submit his credentials to the German minister at Shanghai, who will then communicate with Emperor William and await the

result Dr. Mumm von Schwartenstein, in an interview with Sheng, expressed the opinion that although the powers were adverse to the partition of China, any delay in negotiating was calculated to produce that result, and that Germany was prepared to remain in occupation indefinitely pending a settlement.

Earl Li accordingly telegraphed General Yung Lu to use every effort to persuade the empress dowager and em-Prince Tuan and his entourage.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A SOLDIER.

Captain McQuestion Shot While in a Fit

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .- The war department today received information from General MotArthur of the tragic death in the Philippines of Captain Charles McQueston of the Fourth regiment of United States infantry, the result of a wound by a private soldier. General MacArthur's dispatch is as

"MANILA. - Adjutant Washington: Charles McQueston, captain Fourth United States infantry, died yesterday, Mangonone, Baccon, Cavite province, 8:30 evening, result from gun shot wound caused by private soldier. Captain McQueston in a fit of temporary insanity attacked men of company. Shot one or more and was shot himself in self defense. Further particulars when received."

BOERS MAKE HASTY FLIGHT.

General McDonald Captures Wagons, Provisions and Ammunition.

CAPETOWN, Sept. 17 .- The military authorities have taken over The Netherlands railway

General McDonald, operating in the northeastern corner of Orange colony, compelled the Boers to make a hasty retreat from the Vet river. He captured thirty-one wagons, a quantity of cattle and stores and 65,000 rounds of rifle ammunition.

China Declared War in June.

BERLIN, Sept. 17.-The Shanghai correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger reports an interview with Dr. Rosthorn, secretary of the Austrian legation, in which the secretary is quoted as saying that the Chinese government presented to the minister a formal declaration of war on June 19, considering the capture of the Taku forts an act of war. The ministers were required to leave Pekin in twenty-four hours.

Kruger Goes to Negotiate Peace.

LONDON, Sept. 17 .- A special dispatch from Naples says that an agent of the Transvaal says the object of Mr. Kruger's visit to Europe is to negotiate a settlement with Great Britain and that he has full power to act to that end.

Miss Barton's Appeal.

"HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 17.-E. C. Foster, Washington: Arrived here safely last night after a very rapid journey. Met by military and civic escort. Waited on this morning by citizens' relief committee, including the mayor, who are now arranging for our transportation to Galveston. Houston losses aggregate \$1,000,000, but she is working night and day to relieve Galveston; and the villages of Harris and others must have aid from the outside. Greatly need money; can purchase damaged goods very cheaply."