HOT FIGHTING IN CHINA

Conflicting Reports as to Engagements of Troops and Boxers.

TIEN TSIN PREPARING FOR DEFENSE

ral Moch Acting With Energy and Giving Rebels Hard Blows - Missionaries Herribly Mutilated - Appeals

LONDON, June 9.—Definite returns regarding the severe fighting between the Chinese troops and the Boxers which was going on Thursday between Tien Tsin and Pekin had not been received at Tien Tsin when the latest telegrams to reach London were filed. The Chinese troops, however, had killed many Boxers, according to some reports, while another account had the government soldiery defeated in an engagement near Pao Ting Fu.

Apparently the legation guards have not yet taken a hand in the fighting. but they are ready to do so at a moment's notice. The Boxers movement fects some hundreds of square miles. Official dispatches to Vienna from Pekin aver that the sect is more powerful than any political party in China, embracing no less than 4,000,000, and manipulated by zealous and adroit

The powers are acting in entire concert, which at present gives the Chinese government plenty of chance to put down the disturbances alone. The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing June 7, says:

"For the last three ways the whole community of Tien Tain has been preparing to defend itself against an expected attack by the Boxers. There is a continuat influx of refugees from the surrounding country who are now crowding the city. This increases the excitement. Nearly all the villages surrounding the Tien Tsin are joining the Boxers' movement, which is tak-

"Passengers when approaching the village are driven back by armed bands. Yesterday the Chinese troops were ordered to Machang, on the Grand canal, within twenty miles of which a large body of Boxers is reported to be collecting. Attempts to re-establish the regular working of the Pekin-Tien Tsin railway have autherto proved futile. Every night the Boxers set fire to the sleepers and the woodwork of the bridges.

"General Niech seems bent on acting with energy and dealing out heavy blows to the rebels, recognizing the necessity of destroying the prestige of the Boxers, which has begun to demoralize his army."

Secret orders from Pekin state the protector of the rebels has paralyzed military action and raised the status of the Boxers in the eyes of the ignorant masses. Although the Boxers declare their first object to be the annihilation of Catholic converts, the wirepullers evidently wish to propagate hatred among the country people against foreigners and things foreign in general. The movement on the surface has a patriotic character, but it may turn ultimately against the dynasty. This seems to be the reason a gentle hand. The legations at Pekin have wired

for reinforcements.

Death in Mine Explosion

GLOUSTER, O., June 9.—By an ex dosion of gas in Mine No. 2, a colliery near this city, four men are reported to have lost their lives. Two hundred miners were imprisoned. One hundred and seventy-five have been rescued. The following are reported dead: Evan Joseph, fire boss; John McLelland, miner; Aaron Swanson, miner; John Evans, miner. The following were removed uncon-

scious from the effects of afterdamp: Lewis Jones, jr., William Harris, Morgan Lewis, William Nash, William Crombie, John Walsh, George Rodgers, Evan Hamilton.

caused by an electric spark from one which asserts that Mr. Hollis has no of the ventilating fans touching off a pocket of gas that had gathered during the night.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 9.-Thomas Jefferson, known as "Cyclone" Johnson, a street preacher, was shot and instantly killed tonight at Carmel. sixteen miles north of here, after he had killed Deputy Sheriff Carey, who was trying to arrest him for assault and battery.

Johnson had been attacking different persons in his street talk feeling against him. Tonight he renewed these attacks. Carey tried to arrest him, was shot dead and an unknown person in the excited crowd shot Johnson. He was born in Jackson county. Kentucky, was converted at Covington, Ky., five years ago and has been preaching since.

More Troops Needed in Egypt. LONDON, June 9.-A special from Cairo says that it is reported on apparently good authority that the immediate addition of 7,000 to the Britthis report.

Logislators Head for Ho WASHINGTON, June 9 .- The exodus of legislators leaves the capital Estes G. Rathbone, former director of almost deserted, western members, with but few exceptions, going direct to their homes. Some of the republi- 000 worth of vouchers, including \$8,can members of congress, however, 600 worth of bills, which have been have decided to stay in Washington paid twice, most of them at Muncle, until the Philadelphia convention, and Ind. may spend some little time at seaside resorts along the Atlantic coast ebfore fied that it will be held responsible returning to their constituencies to be- on Mr. Rathbone's bond. Mr. Miller. gin the campaign. Burkett, Suther- the manager of the company, and Mr. land, Stark, Robinson and senator Al- Rathbone have held prolonged interlen have gone to Nebraska and Mercer views during the last few days, but will follow shortly after the conven-

Close of Your at West Point. WEST POINT, June 9.—The examination of the various classes are over demic board to review the work and reau here and will endeavor to furnish their journey home next week for a the wheat belt have received instructwo months' visit. The graduating as will not be permitted to enjoy the customary three months' leave of the men needed. These orders will be that their services are needed to fill in this way it is hoped to send the cant places in several of the regi-mts. Their leave has been restricted avoid a congestion of unemployed men to thirty days.

Reader Laing's Nek Untenable. LONDON, June 9.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Buller:

"Yellow Boom Farm, June 8 .- On June 6 General Talbot Coke, with the Tenth brigade and the South African SOM PAUL IS NOW AT MACEDORF Light Horse, seized Van Wyke hill. The enemy made some resistance, and a good deal of sniping occurred. Our casualties were about four killed and thirteen wounded.

"During that day and the following We got two 6.7 and two twelve-pounders naval guns onto Van Wyke hill and two five-inch guns on the Southeastern corner of Inkewelo. Under cover of their fire General Haldeyard's army routed all the Boers of the berg between Botha's Pass and Inkewelo.

"The attack was well planned by Hildeyard and carried out with immense dash by the troops, for whom no mountains were too steep, outfanking the enemy, who were forced to retire from their very strong position "I think we did not have any casualties, and hope I have obtained a position from which I can render Laing's Nek untenable."

STRIP AND PAINT WOMAN.

Outrage Decency.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 9.-A mob of furious women and boys beat and denuded Lena Kaenter, a young woman who makes her living by peddling lunches among employes of the California avenue street car line. When the mob had stripped her to the waist one woman daubed her with green paint, while two others held her, the ieering boys and women of the mob applauding the outrage and throwing

Two shop girls were attacked by the same mob an hour later and they also were partly denuded before they es-

An organized "committee" of women began to visit the public schools this afternoon, entering the school rooms, accusing the teachers of riding on the tabooed cars and threatening them At the Mount Pleasant school the leader of this committee seized the principal, Mrs. Rose Fanning, shook her violently and said that she would be tarred and feathered if either she or any of her teachers rode on the cars

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9.-Newspaper reports just received at the War department show that three natives were convicted by a military commaster Sergeant Albert Votrie, company K. Thirty-ninth volunteer infaptry, at the Barrio of Bagzag, near Tanuan, in the province of Batanga, February 2, and were sentenced to death by hanging.

In passing upon the case, General Otis, as the final reviewing authority, said that the findings from the commission were fully sustained by the evidence and that the death sentence imposed by it had the express sanction of the laws of war. He was, however, unwilling to direct the execution of the sentence, as he believed that the accused were influenced to commit the crime of which they were convicted by local guerrilla chiefs, who, he said, were the principal criminals in the affair. Moreover, he said the prisoners were ignorant of the legal consequences of their act. The sentence was commutted in each case to ten years' imprisonment at hard labor in the Presidio de Manila.

Interest in the Prisoner LONDON, June 9.—The driblets of news filtering from the Transvaal fail to throw much light on the situation

in and around Pretoria. Public interest centers largely in the fate of the British prisoners, but it seems probable that about 3,500 have been recovered, including 129 officers. The federals therefore have removed about 1,000 as hostages.

The Lorenzo Marquez dispatch to the effect that United States Consul Hollis has been conferring with President Kruger is creating some comment, but in view of the Washington dispatch official errand to the Transvaal there is little disposition to regard his movements as at all significant.

Explosion at Powder Plant. BRAZIL, Ind., June 9.—In an explosion at the Indiana powder plant near Contanette Matthew Reed was killed and several other employes were injured. Reed was carrying a pail of nitro-glycerine and it is believed he accidentally dropped it, causing the explosion of the contents.

SALT LAKE, Utah, June 9 .- Governor Wells has issued a proclamation stating that the sheriffs and deputies of four counties in Utah have made diligent but unsuccessful search for the murderers of Sheriff Tyler and Sam Jenkins and offer a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of the bandits.

NEW YORK, June 9.—The anxiety which has been felt in regard to the Presbyterian missionaries in the Pekin district was partially allayed today by ish force in Egypt has been demanded. the receipt of a cablegram from Dr. Press was informed today at both the est missionaries in China. The board foreign office and the war office that cabled on Tuesday for information, and there is not the slightest foundation to the reply which came today, read: "Still danger."

Rathbone Must Make Goo HAVANA, June 9.—The troubles of posts, seem to be increasing. The auditor's department has thrown out \$15,-

The Fidelity company has been notino decision has been arrived at regarding tais new aspect of the situation.

Rallroads to Help Farmers. KANSAS CITY, June 9.- The railroads have opened an employment buounce its findings. The furlough men for the big wheat harvest in the s is busy making preparations for southwest. Station agents throughout tions to book orders from farmers for nce, as advices have been received | telegraphed to Kansas City bureau and at the larger western towns.

President Kruger Still Determined Make No Surrender to the British.

LONDON, June 8.-3 a. m.-The executive officers of the Transvaal government are in a railway car, shunted on a switch at Macedorp station. President Kruger caused the interior of the coach to be reconstructed some time ago with a view to contingencies that have now arrived. A correspondent of the Daily Ex-

press, who went from Lourenzo Marques to see President Kruger, was received yesterday. The president sat smoking a long pipe. He looked worried, but his bearing was quiet and determined. He did not make the least objection to being interviewed. The correspondent was equipped for the interview by cables from London.

"Yes," said President Kruger, "it is SENATE'S LAST DAY WAS OUIET. quite true that the British have occupied Pretoria. This, however, does not end the war. The burghers are fully determined to fight to the last. They will never surrender so long as 500 armed men remain in the country. feel deeply encouraged by the fine work Steyn and DeWet are doing in the Free State." The correspondent suggested that

the war was over, inasmuch as the capital had been taken. "The capital," explained Mr. Kruger, with energy. "What is a capital? It does not consist of any particular collection of bricks and mortar. The capital of the republic, the seat of government, is here in this car. There is no magic about any special site. Our country is invaded, it is true, but it is not conquered. The government is still effective." Referring to the reason why he left

Pretoria Mr. Kruger said: taken prisoner. I provided this means of locomotion precisely for the same reason as our burghers supply themselves with horses when they take the field. It is necessary that I should be able to move quickly from place to place. That is all. By and by this care will take me back to Pretoria. For the present it enables me to keep away from Pretoria, where I could be of no service and where I should only play into the hands of the enemy." "They say, Mr. Kruger," remarked the correspondent, "that you have brought with you gold to the value of £2,000,000?" "It is not true," replied the presi

Secretary of State Reitz remarked: 'You may depend upon it that the war is not yet over. Guerilla warfare will continue over an enormous area. We intend to fight to the bitter end shall probably retire on Lydenburg. where we can hold out for many months."

"Yes," observed Mr. Kruger, "it is only now that the real struggle has begun. I fear that there will still be much bloodshed, but the fault is that of the British government." Then raising his voice to an almost passionate height, Mr. Kruger exclaimed: "The time has passed for us to talk. We have done plenty of that, but it has done us no good. The only thing left for us to do is to keep on fighting, to keep on fighting."

TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Virginia in the Mesaba Iron Range Su fers a \$600,000 Loss.

DULUTH, June 8.—The entire busi of the town Virginia, on the Mesaba stence and it only took sixty minutes! to do it. In that time fully 125 buildings were reduced to ashes. The main | Transit company has resumed service five blocks from the mill where the fire started and over this intervening of cars on any one of them and none territory the flames spread rapidly, car- | at night. ried directly to the business buildings by a flerce southwest wind. The territory over which the fire traveled covered about twelve blocks, about nine of which were thickly built up. Tonight there is not a business house, hotel or store standing in Virginia. The residence portion of the town was only partially burned. The school house is untouched, as also are most of the churches. The loss is estimated at insurance. So far as known no lives! were lost.

Railroads Are at Outs. NEW YORK, June 8.—The joint passenger committee of the railroads in the Trunk Line association, after a two days' session adjourned without reaching an agreement on the matter of excess fares upon fast trains, via differential lines. This question recently became more inportant by the action of the Delaware, Lackawana & Western in putting on a fast service between St. Louis, Chicago and New York without charging excess fares.

PARSONS, Kan., June 8.-A' severe of here, was destroyed.

No New Plague Cases. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 8.-Dr. O'Brien stated to the Associated Press that any published reports of new cases of plague since last Sunday are not based on the facts. The last suspected case was that of Chew Yul Yan, whose death was reported on Sunday. Posttive proof that his death was caused by black plague are lacking, the final cultures of germs taken from his body not having been completed today. Dr. O'Brien's statement sets at rest reports | Heighton, which left Liverpool May 17. published in several sections of the arrived here today from Colon with country that several new cases of news that the rebel-forces are operatplague have been discovered in this ing successfully just outside of the city within the last few days.

Mosts a Morrible Death. KANSAS CITY, June 8.—Thomas Kern, aged 35 years, an employe of the Evening Post printed a statement melting works at Argentine, fell into under the signature of William 3. Taya large pot of molten metal and died a lor, in which Mr. Taylor announces few hours later in horrible agony. Kern | that he will not be a candidate for fell into the pot in a sitting posture. His companion shouted with horror, while the man, gasping in agony, laid states that after mature consideration his hands on the other side of the red | of all interests involved in the contest hot kettle and tried to raise himself it is his duty both to himself and his out. Other workmen hurried to his as- family to ask of the republicans of

GOT READY IN FORTY MOURS.

Remarkable Experiment.

WASHINGTON, June 8 .- The experiments with the battleships Indiana and Massachusetts have been a marked success. A telegram received at the navy department today from Admiral Silas Casey, commandant of the League Island navy yard, announced that the two big ships were completely equipped and ready for sea. He said the Indiana would pull out at noon and the Massachusetts about two hours later for Newport via Hampton Roads. The delay in the case of the latter ship was not because of any .ack of preparedness on her part, but simply because the tide would not serve until arternoon. Thus it appears toat these two formidaule vessels have been made ready for any required service in the Cort space of about forty hours, without the slightest notice to the commandant of the League Island navy yard or the commanders of the two battleships. The result is regarded as satisfactory vindication of the policy of keeping ships "in ordinary," recently adopted by the navy department. The record made at League Island is about as good as any made abroad, with superior facilities in the latter

tion Bill Was Accepted. WASHINGTON, June 8.—Congress adjourned sine die at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The naval appropriation bill—the stumbling block to final adjournment—could not be agreed to by the conferees of the two houses and the disagreement was reported to the senate early in the day. The report was accepted by the senate, which refused to request another conference, although Mr. Hale expressed the belief that an agreement might be reached. There was an evident disposition on the part of the senate to make trouble if the conferees should recede from the senate amendment as to the ocean surto again pass upon the question.

vevs and it was deemed the wiser policy to afford the house an opportunity At 3 o'clock, after several recesses the senate that the house had concurred in the senate amendment remaining in controversy and soon afterwards the house resolution providing for final adjournment was passed, an amendment fixing the hour at 5 o'clock.

GERMANS WILL ACT.

Squadron Will Send Detachment of Ma rines to Tien Tsin. BERLIN, June 8.—The officer com-

manding the German squadron at Che Foo has been directed by capie to send a detachment of sailors and marines to Tien Tsin, and, after conferring with the German minister at Pekin, to arrange with the commanders of the other squadron's regarding further measures to be taken for the protection of Europeans. It is understood that Germany has officially declared her of the United States naval forces in readiness to act in concert with the other powers, but having no interests outside of Shan Tung province she is not disposed to take the leading part

in intervention in China. The German newspapers claim to have discovered that the alleged secret agreement arrived at between Russia Britain in the far east is purely fictitious. The National Zeitung avers that Great Britain stands hand in glove with Japan.

The St. Louis Strike. ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 8.—It is just one month that 3,325 employes of the St. Louis Transit company struck to secure a recognition of their union and an adjustment of other grievances, and a settlement of their differences does not seem to be in sight. The pess and most of the residence section | Transit company has agreed to recognize the union and to allow its employes to belong to it, but insists on retaining all the men who have taken the places of strikers. Gradually the business section of the city is about on all but two or three of its lines, but is not running the usual number

Fight With Insurgents. MANILA, June 8.-Captain Frank F. Crenshaw, with forty men of the Twenty-eighth infantry, while scouting near Taal was led into an ambush badly wounded. The ambushers were scattered, leaving ten dead and three wounded on the field. Captain Flint. while scouting five miles east of Bi-\$500,000, with not more than \$125,000 anchabato, Bulacan province, had a slight brush with the enemy. Flint and two privates were wounded.

Further Delay for Neely. NEW YORK, June 8.—The examination of C. F. W. Neely, which has been postponed from day to day and was to have taken place today before United States Commissioner Shields. was again postponed late this afternoon to June 18. As the bill relating to Cuban extradition was signed yesterday by President Mcainley, there will, it is believed, be no rurther hearings in relation to the matter in the local courts.

CHICAGO, June 8.—Thomas D. Cottower of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas of New York, 50 years old, was one of station was damaged and the elevator | the heaviest speculators on the board, at St. Paul, Kan., twelve miles north is now in retreat in an insane asylum in New York.

> court found the Bee Publishing company guilty of contempt of court and imposed a fine of \$500. No decision was rendered in the case against Edward Rosewater. Rebels Progress at Coloh. KINGSTON, Jamaica, June 8.-The British steamer Hampican, Captain

Fined for Impediment to Justice.

LINCOLN. June 8.-The supreme

Taylor Not a Candidate LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 8.—The the republican nomination for governor of Kentucky. Governor Taylor which the nomination would impose.

Lord Roberts Will Soon Set Out Toward Lydenburg.

stock has been removed. "General Botha was fighting an essentially rearguard action, his object being, not to defend Pretoria, but to delay Lord Roberts until the railway switch had been cleared and the main part of the Boer army had started to withdraw. The British advance appears to have left open to the Boers the best line of retreat along the rail-

apparently given out after the council tined for Pretoria have been diverted erected and reserve supplies of all sorts are stored, is a volcanic region of ferparts of rocks, penetrated by narrow, light artillery at Pretoria.

The department answered that Min ister Conger being on the scene was better prepared than any one here to adopt relief for which he had received the sanction of the department in the shape of a general authorization to protect American interests. It also was questioned whether the very small force of marines at the minister's command could be used to make a march through the hostile country, as suggested, and away from its base. In that case the United States legation, the only refuge in case of an outbreak in Pekin, would be unsafe for American refugees as well as for the United States minister himself, for the lack

hairman of Woman's Federation Breaks

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 7.-Reorsentation. Nebraskans were homesteaders and had great contempt for \$357. claim jumpers. No sane mother because of the rapid growth of her daughter would refuse to lengthen her clothes and cut off the body instead.

Maloney for President. vice president.

Seven Persons Struck Dead. PARIS. June 7.-Heavy thunderstorms in the central part of France have done considerable damage to wind storm swept over this section do- trell, an old and well known speculator stock, crops, etc. There have been sev- patch from Cucuta, department of Saning much damage to buildings, fences, on the board of trade, shot himself in eral deaths from lightning and large tander, Venezuela, says that after thirtracts around Thiers are inundated, teen days of fighting the Colombian Seven persons have been drowned, revolutionists have routed the governtraffic on the railroad has been inter- ment forces near Bucaramangara, caprupted and 1,000,000 francs damage has turing a number of prisoners, includbeen done at Thiers itself.

> Condition of Treasury. WASHINGTON, June 7.- The statement of the treasury balances in the general fund exclusive of the \$150,000,-000 gold reserve, in the division of reance, \$146,734,886; gold, \$70,800,379.

PARIS, June 7.—The Parisian press interference.

NOT FIGHT WITH THE BOXERS.

CAVALRY SFEKING TO CHECK BOTHA

Two More Districts.

tired troops are resting and Lord Rob- sides. erts is filling the magazines and warehouses, at his new headquarters, Pretoria, preparatory to a long chase after toria, preparatory to a long chase after In consequence of the representa-the flying Boers in the direction of tions of Japan the landing of a large Lydenburg. His cavalry are probably Russian force at Taku is alleged to Some dispatches were sent while the fight was going on outside of Pretoria. One says: "Toward the end of the day when the British guns were shelling the northern forts, a number of the projectiles burst, damaging the subarbs. All day armed burghers have been leaving Pretoria, going east. The greater part of the railway rolling

Possibly Lord Roberts may have been obliged to cut the railway before a full retirement was affected. That Pretoria would be defended was of war with a view of misleading the British. Lydenburg, the district into which the provisions originally destile valleys, enclosed by great ramwinding passes. There are herds of cattle in the valleys and there is much native labor available for the fortifying. The Boers used both heavy and

WILL GUARD AMERICAN LIVES.

Government at Washington Alert to Alarming Situation in China. WASHINGTON, June 7.—The friends of the American missionaries in the disturbed zone in China are becoming alarmed and the State department is beginning to feel the pressure of their efforts to adopt an agressive policy. Inquiries were made as to the reason for the seeming passive attitude

Chinese waters. of a sufficient guard.

ALMOST LIKE A CONGRESS.

NEW YORK, June 7.—The socialist labor party, in convention in this city, nominated Joseph H. Maloney of Lynn, Mass., for president of the United Mr. Maloney received the votes of sixty delegates, Vaal Remmel of Pittsburg getting 17 and W. D. Hammond of St. Paul, 1. Mr. Maloney made a brief speech of acceptance and the by the systematic attack of large convention proceeded to nominate a numbers of the "black knife," a secret

demption, shows: Available cash bal- Masayoshi, to form a new cabinet, but

Honor for American Painters PARIS, June 7.- The jury on paintngs of the Paris exposition have conferred medals of honor upon James McNeil Whistler and John Singer Sargent, the two famous American paint- Mr. McGarr is dead and the doctors Sentiment in France.

and political circles advocate an energetic policy in China. The prompt easure taken by Mr. Conger, United States minister at Pekin, met with general approval. It is asserted at the ministry of foreign affairs that Admir- where, it is said, they will take the al Courrejolles, who commands the places of the strikers of the St. Louis French naval division in the far east, Transit company. The men are said s now proceeding to the scene of disturbance in China. His instructions coincide with those issued by other powers. His force is expected to take | work at \$2 per day. Their transportapart in collective energetic interven- tion and expenses will be paid by the sistance and removed him from his po- Kentucky relief from the exactions tion if the circumstances warrant such company if they remain in its employ

SHANGHAI, June 7.-Alarming reports here of the hurried completion of the mobilization of the Japanese

PEKIN, June 7.—The situation is growing steadily worse. Events move with such rapidity and affairs, owing to the excitement of the natives, are so critical that the foreign ministers held frequent meetings. They feel the need of a free hand for energetic action, Baden-Powell Extends Martial Law to without a reference to the home gov-

SHANGHAI, June 7.-The soldiers LONDON, June 7.-Military opera- dispatched to attack the Boxers have tions in South Africa are apparently at fought an engagement quite close to a standstill. For a day or two the Pekin. Many were killed on both Alarming reports are current here o

the hurried completion of the mobilization of the Japanese fleet. seeking to check Commandant Botha. have been stopped. It is believed here that should Russia persist in sending a prepondering military force to the

front a collision with Japan will inevitally result. The Russian minister at Pekin, M de Giers, has made another attempt to induce the Chinese foreign office to formally request Russian assistance to restore order, but the offer has not yet | Section Foreman Davey say he had

been accepted. Violent dissensions are reported to exist between the Chinese commander-in-chief of the forces, Jung-Lu, and Prince Ching-Tuan, who, in accordance with the wishes of the dowager empress, is strongly supporting the cause of the Boxers.

The mobs who murdered the English missionaries, Robinson and Norman, mutilated and disemboweied the bodies. The statiton at Yang Tin, three miles from Pekin, has been burned. The British minister, Sir Claude M. MacDonald, is reported to be quite ill.

AGREE ON ARMISTICE.

Christian at Laing's Nek LONDON, June 7.- A special dispatch from Lourenzo Marquez, dated Tuesday, June 5, says: "Generals Buller and Christian botu

met at Laing's Neg at Buller's request, when a three days' armistice was agreed upon." The dispatch adds that the British have evacuated Utrecht. Until the situattion in the neighborhood of Pretoria is enlightened the of-

ficials here, as well as others, will find

difficulty in prognosticating Lord Roberts' immediate program. It appears evident that the Boer commander-in-chief, General Botha, with a: his guns, withdrew in good order, probably along the Delagoa Bay ratiroad, with one view of joining President Kruger. So the Transvaal forces remain practically intact, with Presidents Kruger and Steyn and General Botha and Secretary of State Reitz all safe and in a position to continue the direction of affairs. The more optimistic see in the fact that President Kruger's wife and General Botha's wife were left at r'retoria an indication that the president does not count on a long resistance. In any case, it will probably take Lord Roberts at least a week to organize a

campaign of pursuit. The miltary authorities anticipate that the next important news will come from General Buller's direction; plenty of time has elapsed to complete the turning movement at Laing's Nek. A belated dispatch from Mafeking, dated May 31, announced the British occupation of Malmani, where 200 Boers surrendered.

Trade of Porto Rico. WASHINGTON. June 7.-The war department today made public a summary of the regular bulletin of the division of customs and insular affairs sion at the Woman's Federation of concerning the trade of Porto Rico Clubs today. Great excitement pre- for the seven months ended January vailed and Mrs. Lowe broke three gav- 31, 1900. The total value of merchandise imported into the island during Nebraska was heard from in two this period was \$6,219.119. Merchanvigorous speeches. Mrs. L. L. Ricketts | dise to the value of \$1,731,046 was adof Lincoln opposed the measure in a mitted free of duty. The total amount strong speech, which won great ap- of import duty collected was \$691,678. plause. The Nebraska federation, she During the above period goods to the said, was the first to oppose the injus- amount of \$2,692,069 were exported tice of cutting off individual repre- from the island, upon which was coilected export duty to the amount of

Garmany Increases Her Force. BERLIN, June 7.—German official circles continue to regard the Chinese situation as grave. This is shown by the additional number of marines landed from the Iltis and from the fact that the large protected cruiser Hertha, bearing the commander of the Far Asiatic squadron, Rear Admiral States. But one ballot was taken and Bendimann, has been ordered to proceed to Taku.

Reports have been received in official quarters that railway construction in Shan Tun has been forcibly stopped society in Shan Tung, similar to the Boxers.

CARCAS, Venezuela, June 7.-A dising General Penasolana. Coalition Ministry in Japan.

LONDON, June 7.-Advices received from Japan say the cabinet presided over by Marquis Yamagata has resigned and the emperor invited the minister of finance, Count Matsukaka he declined and Marquis Ito is now endeavoring to form a coalition ministry.

Poisoned by Ice Cream.

SUMMIT, Ga., June 7.-Twelve persons at the home of George E. McGarr were poisoned by eating ice cream. fear that nine others will die. Quakers to Replace Strikers.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7.-Three hundred and sixty motormen and conductors left here in a special train over the Pennsylvania railway for St. Louis. to be experienced electric street railway men. They are promised steady for thirty days.

Better Blood Beiser Health

If you don't feel well today you can be made to feel better by making your blood better. Hood's Sarsapavilla is the great pure blood maker. That is how it cures that tired feeling, pimples, sores, salt rheum, scrofule and catarrh. Get a bottle of this great medicine and begin taking it at once and see how quickly it will bring your blood up to the Good Health point Hood's Sarsaparli Is America's Greatest Blood Medicine.

TECUMSEN MAN MISSING.

TECUMSEH, Neb., June 9.—Clinton

Gillespie of Tecumseh has disappeare and he cannot be located anywhere and Mrs. Gillespje, his wife, died Wednesday afternoon. The circumstances are very interesting. Mr. Gillespie, a young man, was employed with a section gang on the railroad. Recently his wife was taken sick, and the young husband was in the habit of working all day and sitting up half of the night with the sick woman. The neighbors say that he was especially de voted and attentive. His wife's illness seemed to weigh heavily upon his mind, and friends of the family and acted rather queer of late. Tuesday night he came home from his work as usual, but instead of offering to stay with Mrs. Gillespie after supper changed his clothes and taking his razor gave it a good honing, put it in his pocket, took some papers out of his trunk and attempted to burn them, and without a word to anyone left the house and has not been seen since. The papers that he attempted to burn were his marriage certificate and some letters of recommendation from former employers. Sheriff Strong at once instituted a search for the man, but up to this time has not been able to find any clue of his whereabouts. In all probability he is mentally unbalanced. Mrs. Gillespie was very much surprised at the strange actions of her She died this afternoon, her last de-

Proposition to Complete Ditch. GERING, Neb., June 9.—The parties who have had in hand the construction of the Farmers' canal on the north side of the river in Scotts Bluff and Cheyenne counties have made a propo-sition to the directors of the Gering Irrigation district looking to the completion of the work on the latter pro ect. While the work of building the Gering ditch is perhaps two-thirds done, yet the work remaining incompleted is of a character that seems to be beyond the reach of the inhabitants of the territory to be watered, as it will require the expenditure of large sums of money from now on. T.
C. Henry, the well known Colorade The State of Rebraska. constructor, is the principal one of the syndicate which proposes to do the work and incidental to their proposition to build the canal they want a certain amount of land, which they propose to colonize with farmers at once. It is stated that they have never failed to carry through a project heretofore and their offer will no

sire being that she might be able to

see him once more before death.

Thiores Caught in a Boat. BROWNVILLE, Neb., June 9.-The two men and one woman, who broke into a house in Nebraska City, stealing a lot of goods, and who then stole a couple of skiffs, tried to run by this point in the boats they had stolen. A telephone message informed Marshal Dick Swan of the theft, and he kept a watch on the river. Yesterday a suspicious looking men was seen to drop down the river in a skiff. Swan was notified and he at once made chase. After a hard run he was arrested. He proved to be one of the men. From him Swan learned that the other man and woman were on the road and he assisted by Ferryman Lemans and the prisoner, made his way to a point about five miles up the river, where the capture was made. The three are now lodged in jail.

Sister Josepha Goes Up. COLUMBUS, Neb., June 9.-Sister Superior Josepha of St. Francis academy at this place has been appointed provincial superioress for the United States of the Order of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Her residence will be at Lafayette, Ind... at the provincial house, where she will go the latter part of the month to assume her new duties. This promotion places Sister Josepha at the head of the Franciscan order in this country. She has been at the head of the academy here for eighteen years, coming here as sister superior at the time the institution was founded.

MADISON, Neb., June 9 .- Ex-County Clerk Wilde of Norfolk will have to make an explanation to the county commissioners about a matter of \$500. The state county treasurer examiner completed the work of checking up the office and says he found that he had wrongfully increased his fees by \$500. The law allows an annual percentage on the first \$3,000 and next \$2,000 of 10 and 4 per cent, respectively, but Mr. Wilde, it is charged, appropriated a semi-annual commission.

Accused of Horse Stealing.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 9 .-

Sheriff Taylor returned last night from

Kansas City with W. A. Partridge, ac-

cused of stealing a horse and buggy.

Partridge secured the services of an

attorney from Kansas City and refuses to talk. His preliminary trial will take place tomorrow. Died From Injuries. COLUMBUS, Neb., June 9.-Valentine Strampek, who fell from a load of flour Saturday, his team stopping with a wheel on his breast, crushing four ribs, died Monday evening at

For Abotting Arson. BEATRICE, Neb., June 9 .- John Luts of Cortland, charged with causing and procuring one Dick Oltmans to commit arson, was arraigned in county court and bound over to the district court in \$500 bond, which he gave for his appearance.

St. 'Mary's hospital and was buried

yesterday in the Catholic cemetery at

Vote Bonds for Schoolhouse WAYNE, Neb., June 9.-A light vote was polled at the election held for the purpose of voting \$12,500 bonds for building an addition to the school building.

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