# BRITISH AT THE ZAND

Four Thousand Cavalry Advance Twenty-Five Miles Beyond Smalldeel.

FREE STATE CAPITAL TO MOVE AGAIN

Preparing to Locate at Heilbron, More Than Fifty Miles North.

UNCERTAIN WHETHER BOERS WILL STAND

Wreck the Railway Behind Them in Order to Gain Time.

ROBERTS' SCOUTS FIND THEM IN FORCE

Kruger's Grandson, in Command of the Force Investing Mafeking. Sends for Six More Guns-Garrison Starving.

LONDON, May 9 .- 5 a. m .- Four thoutinues to date his dispatches.

south of the river. The enemy are langered | nation. in strong force on the north bank. The Free Staters, in the expectation that Kroonfifty moles north.

pear to have little effect upon the inhab- were good. itants of the invaded districts. Every farm and children. All the men are away fight-

Correspondents at headquarters are now wiring freely concerning the incidents connected with the occupation of Smalldeel.

Ease with Which Boers Escaped.

Some exasperation is expressed at the ease with which the Boers escaped with their transports before the very eyes of the British. For instance, when the British entered Smalldeel the Boer ox wagons coolly outspanned only five miles away, as if in contempt of the ability of the British to overtake them. Lord Roberts is described as "unwilling to sacrifice his horses for the sake of minor advantages." Nevertheless, the waste of horseflesh, in spite of

all precautions, le enormous. Smalldeel is a village of only a score of dwellings, but it expanded in one night to a dent Kruger continued: vast canvas city and the glow of the campfires was like a scene in an iron smelting district. The city is likely to fade away in

a day by the advance of the infantry. The tidings from Mafeking are gloomier than before. Everybody there has an empty stomach and a pinched face. The natives are no longer given porridge and the whites have but a quart of that substance and a pound of horse sausage daily. Everything percration he invoked the blessing and help fied. eatable has gone. Insufficient food, wet trenches and cold nights are deadly to the health of the garrison. This information comes from reliable natives.

## More Guns to Bombard Mafeking.

Lady Sarah Wilson, under date of April 27, says: "The Boers now number 4,500, in cluding young Eloff, President Kruger's grandson, who has sent for six more guns." The Mafeking correspondent of the Times. who also emphasizes the extreme gravity of the situation, says:

"It is impossible to ignore the fatal significance of Colonel Baden-Powell's references to the sufferings of the women and children, among whom many deaths have al- grams are now passing between the Cape ready commenced. The commissariat has authorities, Lord Roberts and the home held a stock in reserve for use in the direct authorities on the subject.

extremity. The British column is reported to have reached Taungs, thirty miles north of War- Press that the War office has no information renton. According to Pretoria advices the tending to confirm the reports of an alleged British are nearing Vryburg, which is half plot to assassinate Lord Roberts.

way between Warrenton and Mafeking. General Hunter is probably not in personal command of this relief column. His forces embrace 20,000 infantry and from 5,000 to 6,000 horsemen, an army far greater than has hitherto been supposed. Lord Methuen is apparently a subordinate.

## Hunter to Move on Pretoria.

While the relief column is moving toward Vryburg, General Hunter is apparently preparing an orderly advance northeast along the Vaal river to participate in the Pretoria advance as Lord Roberts' left flank. Capetown correspondents learn that an

important movement in Natal is expected within the next four days. General Buller is rapidly completing his transport organiza-The president of the Transvaal Volksraad

reiterates President Kruger's undiminished tenacity of purpose. In the course of the debate he said that should he be sent to St Helena the republican cause would go on Generals Botha and Meyer are in Pretoria consulting with the Volksraad. A dispatch from Maseru, Basutoland, dated Tuesday, May 8, said:

'Lord Roberts' rapid advance has confused the Boers, who are holding the roads between Wepener and Clocolan, along which a continuous stream of wagons and cattle has been proceeding northward for days. On Monday some of those countermarched and the herds got into an inextricable muddle, the Boers not knowing which way t

## Find Boers in Force.

The War office has issued the following from Lord Roberts ,dated Smaldeel, May 8 "General Hutton, with mounted infantry reconnoitered yesterday to the Zand river and found the enemy in considerable force. General Broadwood's brigade of cavalry with General Ian Hamilton's force performed the same operation with much the same result.

"General Hunter reports that he occupies Fourteen Streams yesterday without opposition, owing in a great measure to the dispositions made by Colonel Paget on the left bank of the Vaal river at Warrenton, where his artillery fire rendered the enemy's position practically untenable.

"A six-inch gun was found most useful 'As the Sixth and balf the Fifth brigades of infantry advanced under cover of the ar- are panic-stricken and many will pass the tillery fire the enemy retired precipitately, bandoning their clothing, ammunition and

### personal effects." Railroad Found Wrecked.

The following dispatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the War office: "SMALDEEL, May 7 .- The railway from Brandfort to this place has been considerably damaged and the bridge over the Vet river has been hopelessly damaged. This delays supplies coming up. Every few yards charges of racksrock bave been laid under the rails. This might have created loss of life, but was fortunately discovered of several counties were appointed to erect by a West Australian infantryman. burg has been occupied by the Highland

a to Death of Joueger Declares They Pace.

PRETORIA, Monday, May 7.- The official losing of the 1899 Volksrand, which broke ip unofficially in September last, took place eday. The vacant seats of General Jouhert and General De Koch and others were filled with flowers. The hall was crowded, a large

umber of women being present.

In the prayer of the chaplain an allusion o General Jouhert moved many to tears. After the prayer the Raad adjourned to the afternoon, when the session of 1900 was inaugurated. The ceremonies were accompanied by the customary salute. President Kruger arrived in the state carriage with he usual escort. The foreign diplomatiats

capacity and the scene was most impressive, ously disappeared. This rumor could neither might explain to the senate why he desired President Kruger, in his speech opening the be confirmed nor disproved. Assistant Secre- the armor plate matter to be discussed in Referring to General Joubert, he said:

He was profoundly struck, he said, with but on recommendation of the postmaster the proof of sincere friendship given by the general we also promulgated for the island people of the Free State, who had fulfilled a postal code of laws prepared by the Postband British cavalry watered their horses their obligations to the Transvaal under the office department and formulated after the at the Zand river Monday, twenty-five miles, treaty. They realized that a united front laws of this country. The War department beyond Smalldeel, where Lord Roberts con- was required, as an attack upon the inde- has appointed neither peatmasters nor postal pendence of the Transvaal meant a threat employes, that being left entirely to the The scouts who have been searching the against the Free State. He had implicit Postoffice department. We have only been country for miles have found no Boers confidence in the future of the Afrikander

By deeds, the Free State had shown, the ported by the auditor as filed in his office by precident declared, a good example to the the auditor of posts, and therefore could stad will speedily become untenable, are, people of the Transvaal, which had proved have no knowledge of any shortage. The according to information from Lourenzo of great moral value to those guiding the auditor and assistant auditor have been sus-Marquez, preparing to transfer their gov- efforts of a small state to maintain its inernment to Hellbron, a little more than dependence. He was pleased to say that the made against Neely and the Department of relations of the Transvaal with the foreign The proclamations of Lord Roberts ap- states, with the exception of Great Britain,

After referring to the peace proposals of is found descried, except by the women the presidents of both republics to Lord Salisbury, President Kruger said: "We have proved by legislation and our dealings with Great Britain last year that it was our desire to preserve peace, and

now that war has broken out we will do

everything to restore peace." After alluding to the deputation now on a mission to Europe and the United States and the presence of so many attaches, proving the intense interest of the powers in the republics, and to their methods of fighting, he said he was pleased to see that the sympathy of the world was on their side in the war; that ambulances had been sent and that their friends were united in endeavoring to alleviate the distress caused

by the struggle. After references to alleged violations of sequent protests of foreign powers, Presi-

"Notwithstanding the difficult circumstances, I am glad to say that our finances the issuance of rations to these Indians and will enable us to bear the great expense of the war and that the mines are flourishing." He concluded with a reference to the Free importance be dealt with. In a moving stone quarries in Minnesota should be rati-

The proceedings terminated with unusually impressive speeches and prayers. Fifty out of a total of sixty legislators were present, several of them still suffering from wounds.

# PLAN TO MURDER ROBERTS

tandard Learns of Official Information Received at London of

LONDON, May 8.-The Standard hears that information has been officially received of a plot to assassinate Lord Roberts, that the latter had been warned and that tele-

The parliamentary secretary for the War office, Mr. Wyndham, informs the Associated

## LIEUTENANT GETS A LIFE TERM.

Roberts Commutes Death Sentence of the Correspondent's Murderer. LONDON, May 9 .- Lord Roberts has commuted to penal servitude for life the centence of death pronounced by the courtmartial on Lioutenant Murchison of the artillery, who on November 2 last killed Parslow, correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Mafeking.

The verdict of the court-martial was for warded to Lord Roberts with a recommendation for mercy from Colonel Baden-Powell, the British commander at Mafeking. Parslow's death was at first attributed to an accident, but it subsequently de-

veloped that he and Lieutenant Murchison had dined together and while strolling across the square Murchison drew his revolver and shot his companion.

LOURENZO, MARQUEZ, Sunday, May 4-A dispatch received here from Colonel Plumer's camp, bearing date April 26, states that the Boers around Mafeking have been gradually reinforced, and their strength is estimated

Colonel Plumer has succeeded in communicating with Mafeking by means of carrier pigeons and is endeavoring to com municate with the southern relief column.

## MOUNT VESUVIUS IN ACTION

Inhabitants Near the Volcano Panic Stricken-Spend the Night Out of Doors.

ROME. May 8 .- Mount Vesuvius has been in a state of eruption for the last three days and explosions within the crater have thrown tive committee; Ed Hudden, St. Louis; lava and masses of rock to a great height. George F. Meyer, St. Louis; R. L. Wirthlin, Last night the eruption was especially violent and was accompanied by menacing rumblings.

A dispatch from Portori, at the north foo of Mount Vesuvius, says:

"Loud explosions within Vesuvius continue, accompanied with frequent but slight shocks that are felt at San Vito and in the direction of Pugleano. Notwithstanding the statement of the observatory authorities that there is no immediate danger the inhabitants in the neighborhood of the volcano night out of doors."

Uproar in Reichsrath. VIENNA, May 8.-The Reichsrath asa bill dealing with the languages question, trial while playing the role of detective it called forth strong objections from the This was his third trial. Previously Fer-Czechs, whose attitude led to an extraordi- guson instigated the arrest of two suspecte, pary uproar in the public galleries, which one of whom, he claimed, tried to get him were finally cleared by force.

Statue of the Queen for Dublin. DUBLIN, May 8.-At an enthusiastic meet ing held in Dublin today the lord lieutenants a statue of Queen Victoria in front of Leinster house on Kildare street. Hitherto there has been no statue of the queen in Dublin. that port.

Rusponsibility for Cuban Postal Affairs Rests with Other Departments.

Orders from the War Office Were Issued at the Request and Suggestion of the Postmaster General.

WASHINGTON, May 8 .- (Special Teleand foreign attaches, including General the Postal department in Cuba come ugly secret ecesion. Today after the navai bill Sourke, the Russian attache, were present, rumors from the island that \$411,000 worth had been laid saide for the day Tillman The Raadzaal was crowded to its fullest of surcharged Cuban stamps have mysteri- asked for a secret session in order that he ession, alluded feelingly to the vacancies, tary Meiklejohn of the War department secret eession. when seen tonight relative to the matter Future generations will be able to judge said: "The War department has had no su- that several days ago he had offered a reshe work of the deceased, whose demeanor | pervision over the conduct of posts in Cubaaspird the enemy with respect and whose That has rested entirely with the Postoffice numane and brave conduct gave fame and department here. The War department, unimportance to the state among civilized na- der executive order, appointed Reeves orderly for the department of posts in Cuba, called upon to pass upon the receipts and expenditures of the department of posts repended pending investigation of charges

ing amendment to the sundry civil bill today: "For improving the Missouri river, including salaries, clerical, office, traveling and miscellaneous expenses of the Missouri river commission, survey, permanent bench marks and gauges, \$300,000; to be expended under direction of the secretary of war in the systematic improvement of the river according to plans and specifications of the Missouri river commission as approved by the chief of engineers. Of the money hereafter appropriated there may be expended in the discretion of the said commission for the purpose of improving the channel by preventing erosion of the banks not exceeding \$25, 000 at or near Nebraska City, Neb., and not exceeding \$100,000 at or near Rulo, Neb. He also secured passage of a resolution calling upon the secretary of the interior for infor mation relative to the Santce Sloux of Nebraska, whether any portion of the million dollars appropriated under the Black Hills the Red Cross convention and to the con- treaty, so-called, had ever been paid, and what proportion would go to the Santee Sloux in Nebraska had same been paid. The resolution calls for information regarding

Justice is prosecuting the case with vigor."

Senator Thurston introduced the follow-

why the same had been stopped. A delegation of Yankton Sioux will present reasons at the next meeting of the State loan and suggested that the session senate committee on Indian affairs why the be not prolonged and that only matters of treaty with the Indians affecting the pige-

Plane for the Blair public building have been completed in the office of the supervising architect and bids will be invited in short time for the construction of the came. The plans show a one-story structure

with a frontage of eighty feet in semi-colonial style. E. S. Bley of Madison, Neb., has been fur-nished with one of the Dewey medale author-

ized by congress. Edward Rosewater, editor of The Bee, arrived in the city today on matters connected with the Associated Press. He will probably remain here until the last of the week, when he will go to Chicago to attend the annual meeting of the Associated Press. Acting under instructions Commissione Towner today issued instructions to Indian agents in Nebraska, South Dakota and Mon tana directing them to require all persons utilizing Indian reservations for grazing purposes to comply with the brand laws of

the states named. Postal receipts at Omaha for April aggregated \$32,162, against \$30,553 in April, 1899. This is a gain of \$1,609. Receipts at Des Moines were \$27,399 for April as compared with \$21,324 a year ago, an increase of \$6,075.

Congressman Gamble has recommended Dr. L. C. Mead for a position on the board of examining surgeons at Sioux Falls, S. D. Mr. Gamble also recommended A. L. Dickens for postmaster at Strouston, S. D.

Authority has been given for the organization of the First National bank of Richland, Ia., with a capital of \$25,000. John A. Greenlee, Thomas Singmaster, G. F. Singmaster, James A. Greenlee and W. E. Smith are named as incorporators. The comptroller's certificate authorizing the First National bank of Humphrey, Neb., to commence business was issued today; capital, \$25,000. Bey Martin, president; Lee Martyn cashier. Also authorizing the First National bank at Eldon, Ia., to commence businese; capital, \$25,000. F. C. Bradley, president; H. E. Roley, cashier.

An order was issued today establishing a postoffice at Giddings, Hughes county, S D., with Clara B. Harisson as postmistress

# WELCH NAMED BY COOPERS

Omaha Man Placed on the Executive Committee by the National

Association. CINCINNATI, O., May 8.-The National officers today: President, John G. Bauer of Lawrenceburg, Ind.; vice presidents, J. R. urer, Walker L. Wellford, Memphis. Execu-St. Louis; R. S. Kennedy, New Brighton,

Pa.; M. A. Welch, Omaha. A memorial to the United States senate was adopted against the bill abolishing revenue stamps on beer packages on quarter barrels or less.

## SOME BACK ACTION EVIDENCE

One Who Played Detective in a Murder Case is Convicted of the Crime.

TRENTON, Mo., May 8.-William Fergueon was today found guilty of murdering S. G. Wilson, a Trenton merchant, in March. sembled today and the government ordered 1897, on evidence he gave in a former to assist in the murder. Later he said he was present himself and saw the deathblow struck. Wilson was killed by a blow from an axe. The motive was robbery.

Plague at Hong Kong. WASHINGTON, May 8.—The United tates consul general at Hong Kong cable, oday that the plague has broken out at

American Navat Officer Invents Shell to Penetrate Any Covering-Startling Facts Told to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 8. - Some facts at most startling in their importance were laid before the senate today in secret session as MEIKLFJOHN EXPLAINS THE SITUATION the conclusion of the open session. They related, it is understood, to the invention of a shell by a prominent officer of the United States navy, superior in every essential quality to any now in use either by this or any other government. The quality of penetration poseessed by the shell is said to be so great that no armor manufactured has sufficient resistance to withstand it.

The facts, which are in possession of only gram.)-Following closely on the heels of a few senators, were deemed so important the charge made against several employes of that the senate decided to consider them in

When the doors were closed he explained clution calling upon the secretary of the navy to send to the senate for its information the details of tests made by the department's officials of armor plate at Indian Head. No answer had been received, and in all human probability none will be recel d. It seems that Tillman called at the Navy department and was informed that it would be unwise at this time to make publie the details of the teste he had asked for as it would be placed in the hands, not only of the senate, but in the hands of repre-

sentative foreign governments, He was informed that Admiral O'Nell, chief of the bureau of ordnance, had been conducting for several months a series of armor tests at Indian Head, the results of official of the Navy department said it is understood that tests of all sorts of armor, including the Krupp armor, had been made with a view of ascertaining their effectiveness against a new shell that had been in-

vented by an officer of the navy. No piece of armor submitted to the test was able to withstand it. The shell, fired from high power guns, penetrated the armor almost as bullets fired from a Krag-Jorgensen rifle would penetrate green wood, the difference being that the armor plate

as of the other armor tested. The shell which was so effective was not guarding jealousy all details concerning its a candidate tomorrow. Harrington of could be so improved so as to resist projec- o'clock tomorrow. tiles of the kind used at Indian Head.

Feeling that more or less of the matter the armor question Mr. Tillman suggested to a conference committee. Patterson does that it would be desirable to consider the not hesitate to say that such is the wish subject in secret. The senate agreed with of Bryan expressed to birn at Omaha. him and tomorrow the armor plate matter

# will be discussed behind closed doors.

concluded consideration of the naval appropriation bill with the exception of that ection relating to armor and armament. This went over until tomorrow, when it will

be considered in secret session. The debate on the naval bill was practically confined to the paragraph relating to the commissioning of naval cadets. The ommittee's amendment striking out the proposition in the house bill to commission to 12, after a warm debate.

### NEELY'S ACCOUNTS Postoffice Department Receives Statement from Agents Sey-

bolt and Neal. WASHINGTON, May 8 .- The Postoffice de partment has a report from Agents Seybolt and Neal as to the amount of postal revenues in the hands of Charles F. W. Neely, the chief of the bureau of finance for the postal department in Cuba, on April 23. At that time, according to these reports, he apparently accounted for all sums due the government, and it is said by Postoffice department officials that if Neely embezzled postal funds he must have juggled the figures and made false entries or else took the money immediately after the balance was struck. According to the figures at command here, however, there is an apparent discrepancy between the amount of order funds as given by Mr. Neely and the amount due the government. It was stated that he had on April 23 \$119,930, while the books here indicate that he should have had approximately \$200,000.

On April 19 Director of Posts Rathbone asked that a statement be prepared of the noney order deposit account of the bureau of finance as made on April 16. On April 23 General Rathbone directed that a further examination be made and the resulting report, as stated, indicated that Neely's acounts were correct and were so certified by the agents, who, in concluding their statement as to the examination, say: "The manner in which these accounts, stamps, supplies and funds are handled reflects credit upon the chief of the bureau of finance. Mr. Charles F. W. Neely and his assistants."

It is apparent that an examination of his accounts was made in detail at that time. Coopers' association elected the following as it is stated that there was \$1.09 in a tray. There has at all times been a balance due the Postoffice department on account of Kelly, Kansas City; A. S. Ray, Chicago; John money order funds. On April 1 a shipment A. Stolpin, Milwaukee; secretary and treas- of \$56,000 was made to this country on that account and there is now due \$224,000. It would seem that these are the only funds permitted to accumulate in the Cuban office and it is said that all other postal revenues are transmitted to the military authorities not already decided reached any definite as soon as received in the bureau of finance. conclusions. The greatest difference of

NEW YORK, May 8.—Carl Menckens alled for Germany on the Kalser Wil-selm der Grosse today, after having made term aer Grosse today, after having ma strangements to buy, it is said, 60,000 to of coal a month in this country for use dermany. Although bought ostensibly fa factory it is believed to be intended of for the use of the government.

Forest Fire Sweeps Village. ELMIRA, N. Y. May 8.—All the buildings in the village of Corbett, Potter county. Pa., were destroyed today by forest fires and several people were badly burned. The inhabitants fied to Galeton and many of them are now quartered in the Buffalo & Susquebanna railroad station there.

At New York-Arrived-Europe, from London; Southwark, from Antwerp; Ethio-pia, from Glasgow, Salled-Kaiser Wil-helm der Grosse, for Bremen, via Cher-beurg and Southampton. At Bremen-Arrived-Bremen, from New Auckfand-Arrived-(Previously) Movia Naples.

At Gibraltar-Sailed-Werra, from Genoa and Naples, for New York.

At Liverpool-Sailed-Ultonia, for Boston.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, May S

Sioux Falls Delegates Are at Loggerheads Over This Question.

NEBRASKANS WORKING HARD FOR BRYAN

Some Delegates Favor Nominating Several Vice Presidential Candidates and Letting Democrats Take Their Pick.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 8 .- (Special Telegram.)-Senators Allen and Butler are up against an unpromising proposition in their effort to prevent the nomination of a populist candidate for vice president by tomorrow's convention. About the only question that is heard discussed is the advisability of naming such a candidate prior to the

emocratic convention. Senator Allen and Senator Butler are known as the originators of the scheme to refer the naming of a vice presidential candidate to a conference committee, which will defer action until after the national democratic convention, but there is no authority for the assertion that they are speak-

ing the expressed wish of Bryan. This proposition first manifested itself in the action and utterances of Senator Allen at the meeting of the Nebraska delegation this forenoon for reorganization, when he urged the importance of holding an executive session during the afternoon at a place where the strictest secrecy could be preserved, declaring its purpose to be to take party to avoid the ridiculous position it ocwhich were very remarkable. A prominent He declared that should the reform forces fail to win in the coming election it may be

### their last opportunity for all time. Where the Hitch Came.

At the caucus, which occurred this afternoon, the question was debated with great spirit, but it is claimed that the controversy was void of acrimony. It came up on a motion by Judge Adams of Minden that it was the sense of the delegation that the convention should proceed to nominate a candidate for president and vice presisplit from the point of impact. It is said dent also. Senator Allen interposed his this was true of the Krupp armor as well proposition to refer the selection to a conference committee.

The Douglas county delegates were aldescribed. Indeed the Navy department is most unanimously in favor of nominating construction. The argument of Tillman was O'Neill proposed a compromise, by which that with such a projectile in the posses. the convention shall select some half a sion of the government, the details of which dozen available men and submit their names sooner or later will become known to other to the democrats, that of Towne of Minnegovernments, it would not be the part of sota to be among them. No test of strength wisdom for congress to enter into contracts was had in a vote, for without reaching to purchase the high priced armor unless it a conclusion the caucus adjourned until 3

The Colorado delegation, under the leadership of Tom Patterson, has adopted the concerning the tests recently made by the Bryan-Allen-Butler scheme and declared government would be used in the debate on unanimously in favor of referring action

the question are divided and the majority of individual delegates seem to be with WASHINGTON, May 8.—The senate today gales seem to wish to have their own connominating Towne. It has developed here were heavy. that none of the state conventions have acted upon this very perplexing question, probably through embarrassing recollections

of four years ago. Compromise is Suggested. Late tonight a conference was held of leading spirits from all delegations reprethe cadets at the expiration of a four years' sented, at which Allen, Butler and Patterterm at the naval academy, abolishing the son were present, and at which, at the sugpreliminary two years at sea, was carried, 40 gestion of M. F. Harrington, it was practically agreed to recommend that the vice presidential nemination be referred to a committee to confer with the democrats and secure the nomination of a silver republican or a populist and in case of failure to agree on that basis the populist committee

> shall name a populist. The Nebraska delegation has instituted an active compaign for Edmisten for national chairman, basing its fight upon his residence in Bryan's state, and cards are being ped dled about showing the figures of populis victories in Nebraska in 1894, 1896, 1897 and 1899, when he was at the head of the state committee, as against republican victory in 1895 and a meager populist majority in 1898, when he was not chairman. His only oppo-

nent is Marion Butler. State politics have been discussed quite freely among Nebraskans here and the prevailing sentiment that Governor Poynter would prove a weak candidate seems to o'clock on the evening of last Wednesday, ferocious feeling than the love of exciteforeshadow his probable defeat for the fusion renomination.

### DELEGATES SEEM RESTLESS Program Arranged by the Leaders Apt to Be Accepted by the Rank and File.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 8.-The increase of delegates and the approach to the time of calling the national populistic convention to order served to accentuate the difference of opinion among the delegates as to the policy to be pursued with reference to the nomination of a candidate for the vice presidency. As time goes on it crew were crowded upon the bridge. Five becomes more and more evident that this is men were drowned. practically the only question which the con vention will have to decide, and it is occupying the attention alike of delegates and visitors so exclusively as to render the situation quite monotonous on that account. There is occasional reference to the platform, and it is understood that a few of the long-headed leaders have been drawing up plans and suggesting propositions for incorporation in the declaration of principles. but while this is true the great majority of persons in attendance are discussing the vice presidential problem. Most of the delegates in attendance held

conferences this afternoon, but none of them opinion among the delegates from states is shown in the Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri delegations. Nebraska delegates feel that they are in a peculiarly delicate position, because they are especially anxious to subserve the interests of Mr Bryan. They held two meetings during the day, but failed to reach a conclusion and will meet again tomorrow morning at o'clock for further consideration as to what

course to pursue. Senator Allen, who may be considered the leader of the delegation, as he is also the especial champion of Bryan, is exercising himself especially to secure that action which will most certainly redound to Bryan's benefit. A majority of the delegates from Nebraska are apparently favorable to the reference of the whole question to a committee of one from each state to be appointed to confer with the democrats at Kansas City and it is believed that Senator from San Francisco.

Genou-Arrived-Kaiser Wilhelm II. his exhortations to the delegations he has

# OPENS THE CONGRESS NOT ON THE WAR DEPARTMENT ARMOR IS NOW OF NO AVAIL AT SEA ON VICE PRESIDENCY CONDITION OF THE WEATHER DEATH IN THE RIOTS

Forecast for Nebraska-Generally Fair; Variable Winds. Temperature at Omaha yesterday: Hour. Deg. 5 n. m..... 59 6 n. m..... 58 Hour. Deg. 1 p. m. . . . 71 2 p. m . . . . 73 4 p. m. . . . 75 5 p. m . . . 70 6 p. m . . . 72 7 p. m . . . 70 8 a. m..... 62 D A. M ..... 62 10 a. m..... 67

11 n. m. . . . . . 68

12 m.......

### FOUR MEN KILLED IN A WRECK

Double-Hender Fruit Train Goes Into the Ditch Out in

Wyoming. CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 8 .- (Special Telegram.)-One of the worst wrecks which has occurred in Wyoming in recent years took place on O'Neill sidetrack, sixteen miles west of Rawlins, on the Union Pacific today when an eastbound fast fruit train drawn by two locomotives dashed through an open switch and down a high embankment. The

dead are: LOUIS BANTA, fireman, Rawlins, JAMES JOHNSON, Fireman, Rawlins, TWO BOYS, aged about 20 years, who ere stealing a ride, names unknown.

Injured: Engineere Frank Rehemeyer and Andy Sheeler, Both will recover. Both engines and eleven cars were buried in mud and water at the bottom of the embankment. The dead firemen and two boy business of the company, which operates all tramps were caught under the wreckage, the electric and cable roads in the city, The bodies of three were recovered, but with the exception of those owned by the such action as would allow the populist that of Banta was burned to a crisp, It is St. Louis & Suburban Railway company, on feared other men lost their lives in the which a strike has been in progress for two cupied four years ago, when there were two accident, as a large number of tramps are weeks past, but brought matters to a standvice presidential candidates with Mr. Bryan. passing over the road and several were

seen on the train shortly before the accident. Engineers Rehemeyer and Sheeler jumped from their engines before the end of the siding was reached and escaped with ately, resulting in one fatality tonight

few injuries; both will recover. Just when or by whom the switch at O'Neill was left open is not known. It is at the foot of a steep hill and the engineer of the head locomotive did not discover the danger until within a few feet of the switch. The engines were reversed, but the train had attained high speed on the downgrade and could not be stopped. Wrecking outfits and surgeons were eent to the wreck from Rawlins. Superintendent Harris and other officials have gone to the scene,

## REBELS ATTACK A GARRISON

Three Americans Killed at Barotac on the Island of Panay-Four Hundred in the Attacking Party.

MANILA, May 8 .- A force of rebels, May attacked twenty men of Company I of the Forty-fourth regiment, stationed at Barocac Hoilo province, on the island of Panay. Three of the Americans were killed and seven were wounded.

The enemy, estimated to number 400 men, surrounded Barotac and attacked the place on all sides. After two men had been at the motorman and conductor, from killed and four wounded the American com-Such other delegations as have considered mander sent four men to try to get through to communicate with the remainder CADETS MUST BE PEFICIENT. Of individual delegates seem these who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate of the fight to a company of the Twenty-sixth. The latter managed to return to Barotac. In individual delegates seem up to these who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the democrats. It is a remarkable fact that while most of the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the delegate who favor the submission of a number of names to the delegate who favor the submission of names to the delegat

> A court-martial, composed of General Hall, presiding, General Grant and several by a brick thrown by some one in the colonels, convened today at Manila to try crowd. A man was shot at Grand and volunteer infantry on the charge of deliver- was shot near the crossing of the suburban ing a Filipino prisoner to the local authori- tracks and Taylor avenue. political fall. He is suffering greatly from sickness.

# HARD EXPERIENCE OF A CREW

Steamer Stranded Off Cape Hatteras Five Drowned and a Boatload Driven to Sen.

NEW ORLEANS, May 8.—The Morgan liner El Paso, which arrived early today Boys and young men, most of whom had no from New York, brought with it Second Mate connection with the strikers whatever, fur-Willoughby M. Moore and fourteen of the nished most of the noise and did a large crew of the wrecked British steamer Vir- amount of the mischief downtown. There ginia. This vessel, Captain Charles Samuel, were comparatively few of the strikers in from Balquiri, Cuba, for Baltimore, with a the mob and many of these who appeared cargo of iron ore and a crew of twenty-six most zealous in the cause of the street men, stranded on Diamond Shoals about 6 railway men were animated by no more some twelve miles off Cape Hatteras. Mate ment. Moore and the creew as soon as they arived in New Orleans went to the office of soon as the gravity of the situation was British Consul Van Sittart. They related a realized. Mayor Zeigenhein addressed a tale of great suffering and hardship. Moore letter both to the strikers and to President and the fourteen men with him managed to Edward F. Whitaker of the St. Louis Trinsit get into a boat after the stranding of the company, offering his services as mediator. vessel, but were unable to make shore owing Replies were received from both sides, but to high wind from the land and were driven out into the open sea. El Paso sighted the

they were soon taken aboard. The British consul will send the men to Baltimore. Mate Moore states that when he left the Virginia Captain Samuels and the pany attempted to start its daily schedule its first mate and the other members of the

# CALLS HALT ON RECEPTIONS

Too Much Entertaining Taxes the Strength of Admiral Dewey. MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 8 .- At the request

of Admiral Dewey today's set program has been materially changed. Eight receptions had been arranged for, and the admiral, fearing to overtax his strength, requested the committee to eliminate the receptions to occur during the afternoon. His wishes pany will be unable to get men to run the were complied with.

At 10:30 o'clock today a committee of tion today. escort called at the hotel for the admiral and his party. They were driven to the Cotton exchange, where a reception lasting an hour was held. From the Cotton exchange the visitors returned to their hotel to rest during the afternoon. Tonight a general reception will be held at the hotel under the auspices of the Women's clubs of Memphis, and upon its conclusion the admiral's visit will have been ended. The party will leave tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock for Nashville,

Counterfeit Plates Are Secured. PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—Chief Wilking Operator Burns tonight obtained pos-cession of the plates from which were mad-the counterfeit \$2 notes which were put in the counterfelt & notes but make put in circulation last week by Arthur Taylor and Baldwin S. Bredell. Harry S. Taylor, Arthur's brother, gave information as to where the plates were buried in the Centennial grounds, Fairmount park, and Wilkle and Burns dug them up.

Hanged for Killing Railroad Man his exhortations to the delegations he has dwelt especially upon the importance of (Continued on Second Page.)

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St. Louis Street Car Strike Results in Viclent Disorders.

PASSENGER SHOOTS INTO A CROWD

One of the Onlookers Fatally Wounded by Stray Bullets.

CONDUCTOR WOUNDS YOUTHFUL RIOTER

Protects Himself from a Mob Which Was Threwing Stones.

ANOTHER CONDUCTOR LOSES ONE EYE

Strike Affects the Mail Service-Possibility of Prosecution of the Rioters for This Reason-Medi-

ation Refused.

ST. LOUIS, May 8.-Employes of the St. Louis Transit company, numbering about 3,600 men, made good today their threat to tie up the street railway traffic of the city. doing so they not only paralyzed the still in half a dozen other lines of business as well. It was the most complete tieup

over seen in St. Louis. Rictous proceedings began almost immedi-When the company tried to take out cars from the various barns of the system the nonunion men who had undertaken the task were immediately surrounded and urged not to make the attempt. If they persisted the cars were surrounded by a howling mob and, as if by magic, sticks and stones filled the air, forcing the men in charge to desert their posts. During the fusillade windows in the cars would be broken, while their sides would be scarred and dented by the

At first the storm centers were confined to remote points. By and by a few care managed to slip away from the crowds around the power houses and car barns and made their way down town. Then the theater of activity was transferred to Washington avenue. Locust street and other downtown

### thoroughfares Several People Are Shot.

The same tactics were resorted to downtown that had proved so efficacious about the barns. A crowd would surround each car and while the boys and young men would shout "seab" and "cheap screw" volley of rocks and brickbats, smashing the windows and frightening the men in of the company at Dumangas. Of the four charge from their posts. The most sevention, at least, suggest the vice presi- who succored the garrison of Barotac on one of them a boy was shot by a nonunion dential candidate, most of even these favor the night of May 3. The enemy's losses conductor, who was trying to push his car through the crowd. In the fracas further down a motorman was seriously injured Colonel James S. Pettit of the Thirty-first Franklin avenues tonight; still another man

> ties at Zamboanga, with the result that the At 9 o'clock tonight as a suburban car prisoner was almost immediately killed was crossing Taylor avenue a big crowd without trial. Pedro Paterno, the former gathered around it. Some one pulled the the so-called Filipino trolley from the wire and this action so cabinet, who was recently captured in the enraged a passenger, at present unknown, mountains of Trinidad, has arrived here that he drew a revolver and fired three and has been placed incommunicado in the shots into the crowd. Hurd Gilberth, a barkeeper, an onlooker, received one of the bullets in the arm and another in the lung. He was taken to the city hospital, where

his wounds were pronounced mortal. Police Are Powerless.

The police were powerless in the face of the mob, which was augmented at noon by thousands of clerks from business houses and workmen from the factories. Many women also gathered with the crowds.

Attempts at arbitration were made as

in neither case favorable. forlorn crew of the wrecked Virginia and The men met after midnight and at 2 a. m. The strike was systematically arranged. decided to strike. From that moment the strike became effective and when the comefforts were rendered futile at every point by the activity or inactivity of the strikers, Just here a point of difficulty arises be tween the company and the strikers. The former asserts that it has the men to operate all its lines if the strikers would allow the cars to run. The union men, on the other hand, claim that the company has not the

men and cannot get them. The outsiders whom it brought here two nonths ago, they say, to take the places of the strikers at that time, were sent away when an agreement was reached and the present strike was precipitated so suddenly that the company had no time to prepare for it. It is further ascerted that the comcars in the face of the popular demonstra-

List of the Injured.

A partial list of these injured in the arious encounters today follows: Hurd Gilberth, a barkeeper, fatally shot. Conductor Steve Sellers, Suburban line eye knocked out.

Joe Kohring, aged 16 years, shot by Conductor McClellan at Thirteenth street and Washington avenue, not serious John Caruth, motorman Bellefontaine line

struck in the face with a brick. John Granath, driver, slightly hurt in collision. ductor McClellan, for shooting Kohring;

Nicholas Doyle, Union line motorman, for

rioting: Willie Rickey, 14 years, charged

with throwing stones; John Walsh, 13 years, etcne-throwing; Charles Senne, 14 years; Frank Tule, 18 years, stone-throwing; Henry Beck, - McMahon, James Kelly, John C. Creighton. Train Crew Made to Quit.

An attempt was made at \$:30 o'clock to