TREATY IS RATIFIED

Hay-Pauneefote Compact Receives Approval of United States Benate.

MAJGRITY FOR MEASURE IS DECISIVE

Final Vote When Document is Put to Passage is 55 to 18 in Its Favor.

ONLY COMMITTEE'S AMENDMENT ACCEPTED

Provision for American Fortification of

Canal is Voted Down.

By Terms of New Agreement the Clayton-Bulwer Convention of 1850 is Suspended in Its Entirety.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- After spending the greater part of the last fortnight in considering the Hay-Pauncefote treaty for the modification of the Clayton-Bulwer convention of 1850, the senate today consumed only one hour and ten minutes in amending it and ratifying it as amended. During the time there were six roll calls and several viva voce votes. The first five of the roll calls were on amendments offered by individual senators and the last one on the resolution to ratify the treaty as amended. The amendments, except those offered by Senator Foraker and reported by the committee on foreign relations, were voted down by majorities averaging about 19. The ratification resolution was adopted

The senate was in executive session for about an hour before the time for voting arrived, listening to speeches by Senators that it was not made earlier. Sanden has Thurston, Gallinger, Wolcott and Bard, explanatory of their attitude. Senator Bard contended for the adoption of his amendpassing through the proposed Nicaraguan canal. Senator Gallinger spoke in defense of the treaty as it originally same from the executive. Senator Wolcott said that the original treaty would have been satisfactory to him, but added that he considered the agreement, as it had been and

Thurston Advocates Trefity.

Senator Thurston strongly advocated the treaty, saying that as Great Britain owns and governs a very large portion of the territory of North America it was perfectly right and proper that that country should be consulted in the matter of the construction of an isthmian canal. When Senator Mason asked if it was not also proper that Great Britain, in that event, should pay part of the cost of construction, he replied that the securing of the canal itself was pected to resign tomorrow. the one great desideratum, and that accomplished, the benefit the waterway would be to the world's commerce, the cost of construction was of little moment.

Senator Lodge, who, as a member of the committee on foreign relations, has piloted the treaty through the senate since the death of Chairman Davis, lost no time it demanding that the voting begin when 3 o'clock arrived. The foreign relations committee amendments were read first. Senator Lodge himself suggested a verbal amendment to the first of these, adding the word 'convention" after the word "which," so as to make the amendment read: "Which convention is hereby superseded." He explained that suggestion had been made that rived at Queenstown somewhat late and without the additions of that word the after embarking its passengers and 1,592 amendment might be construed as applying only to article viii of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, whereas, he said it was intended to apply to the entire treaty. The amendment was accepted and the two committee amendments then were both accepted without division

Elkins Amendment Defeated.

The first roll call was upon Senator Elkins' amendment, declaring that "nothing contained in this treaty shall be construed to prevent the United States from acquir ing at any time sufficient territory and sov ereignty over the same, upon which to build manage, operate, defend, fortify, protect and control said canal, or for any other pur poses as the United States may deem best in its own interests." It was lost by a vote of 25 to 45, the ballot in detail being as follows

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Burrows,	Jones (Nev.),	
Carter.	Kean.	Quarles,
Chandler,	Lindsay.	Scott.
Cullom.	Lodge,	Shoup.
Deboe.	McBride,	Pettus.
Dillingham,	McComas,	Spooner,
Fairbanks,	McCumber,	Stewart,
Foraker,	McEnery,	Thurston,
Foster.	McLaurin,	Warren,
Frye.	McMillan,	Wellington
Gallinger.	Morgan,	Wetmore,
Hale,	Nelson.	Wolcott
Hanna.	Perkins.	
Hansbrough,	Pettus.	

The other amendment roll calls were as follows: On Mr. Butler's amendment to strike out section 7 of article ii, prohibiting fortifications-26 year to 44 pays

Senator Lindsay, who had voted against the Elkins amendment, voted for the Butler provision. On Mr. Mason's amendment, authorizing the protection of the canal as the United States may deem proper-25 yeas to 44 navs. On Senator Bard's amendment reserving

the right of the United States to discriminate in the canal traffic in favor of American vessels-27 yeas to 43 nays. On Senator Tillman's amendment, author izing the defense of the canal and the

maintenance of public order by the United States-27 yeas to 43 nays. Senator Allen's amendment amending article ii was voted down viva voce, as

was also an amendment suggested by Senator Teller, practically striking out all of article if

Senator Foraker withdrew his amendments because they were the same as those reported by the committee on foreign relations. Senator Penrose withdrew his because it was practically indentical with Senator Elkin's and Senator Beveridge his because it was covered by the second of the committee amendments.

Vote on Ratification.

All the amendments suggested having been acted on and those of the committee adopted. Senator Allen asked for the reading of the treaty as amended. This request

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RUSTIFICATION OF FINLAND

Plan r suppression of Pape.
and sub first theran. Suppression of Papers

STOCKHOLM, Dec. . daily newspaper of Christienes, adt, and the Isanmaan, a weekly paper, were suppressed yesterday evening and that an other paper was suspended for four months.

The suppression of the papers mentioned above is undoubtedly due to the so-called Russification of Finland. Recent mail advices from the principal town in the duchy of Finland indicates that the final touches are to be given this winter by the Russian government to the Russification of Finland Ail papers in the grand duchy which had criticised the government in any way, whether printed in Swedish, Finnish or Danish, were being suppressed. It is said that the press censorship, the suppression of recognized organs of public opinion NO SPECIAL FAVORS FOR THIS COUNTRY and the loss of legislative autonomy, will be followed by the proclamation of the Greek orthodox religion as the state religion, notwithstanding that 98 per cent of the population belong to the Lutheran

> The governor general has been invested with the power to declare the duchy is in a state of siege and to exile persons who are politically suspects. In addition the garrisons made up of Finnish troops have been ordered to Siberia or China or have been distributed among the garrisons of central Russia, while sotness of Cossacks have been garrisoned at Helsingfors and another at Abo, the ancient capital of the duchy, and steps were being taken a month ters of Finnish population with Cossacks.

SANDEN GOES TO PRISON thinking there were burglars in the build-

Director of German Mortgage Bank Which Recently Falled Aspired to the Peernge.

POTSDAM, Dec. 20 .- Councillor of Commerce Sanden, recently a director of the Prussian Hypotheken bank, was arrested today and confined in the Moabit prison.

No surprise has been excited by the arrest. Indeed, astonishment is expressed used his wealth in building churches, hoping to secure titles and decorations. ontended for the adoption of his amend-ment giving preference to American ships was intimate with Count von Mirbach, court on South Thirtieth street, where they re-marshal of the empress, who has raised fused to go any farther. No one had lived large sums to build churches in Berlin, and in the house for several months and there that he contributed 200,000 marks in shares of the Deutsche Grunschuld bank with the provise that they were not to be sold. According to the Tageblatt their value is was about to be amended, preferable to no that Count von Mirbach intended to have in the capitol building they entered through Sanden ennobled and created a privy count the basement door by forcing up the latch

cillor. Since the mortgage bank troubles began Sanden has received a crown order for building a church. For many years he was an alderman and church councilman in Potsdam. Herr Schmidt, proprietor of the banking house of Anhalt & Wagener, which is in difficulties owing to its connection with the two embarrassed mortgage banks, is a member of the central committee of the Reichsbank and is ex-

BAD STORM ON ENGLISH COAST

Fears for Safety of Cross Channel Steamers Which Left Port Yesterday.

LONDON, Dec. 20 .- Aerial depressions of great size and depth are spreading over England from the westward. Storms on all heard those sounds I determined to carry the coasts have caused minor wrecks and out a plan that I had already arranged the southwest gale continues with unabated I got up and started for the stairway leadfury on the Irish coast. The steamer Teu- ing down to the basement, intending to go tonic, which sailed at noon today from outside through the basement door and get Queenstown for New York, experienced the full force of the storm. The Teutonic ar- from which position I could see, but could sacks of mail had some difficulty in clear-

The Teutonic passed the liner Cufic tow at 1 a. m. off Tuskar light. "There is great uneasiness at Queepstown which left yesterday evening, so violent is the storm. All arrivals at port report having experienced fearful weather.

FIX IT FOR QUEEN'S FIANCE

Dutch Legislators Introduce Bills Approving Wilhelmina's Proposed Marriage to Dake Henry.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 20.-Bills were introduced in the second chamber today approving of the marriage of Queen Wilhelmins o Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerein, regulating the proceedings of the celebraion and the contingencies arising therefrom, providing for the naturalization of the bridegroom and making provision for an allowance payable to the duke from the national treasury in the event of the queen

Yankees Are Knocking Scotch Out. GLASGOW, Dec. 20.-Clyde shipbuilders recently placed an order for 15,000 tons of that I was understood. I went into the plates in the United States, at a saving of office of the Irrigation board and telephoned £50,000. The depression in Scotch steel and to the telegraph office to send a messenger malleable iron trades is acute. Fourteen furnaces will be damped at the end of the of the trouble. I then telephoned the police year. The steel works are talking of clos- and a few minutes later the officers aping indefinitely.

Tells the Turk Who is Coming. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 20.-Lloyd C. Grissom, the United States charge d'affaires, notified the porte today of the appointment of John G. A. Leisham, recently United States minister to Switzerland, as minister of the United States to Turkey

Light Up for the Czar. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.-Yesterday being the "Name day" of the czar, thanksgiving services were held in all the tion proved that the small money drawer churches for his recovery and the city was illuminated at night.

Again! CARACAS, Vonezuela, Dec. 20,-(Via Haytien Cable.)-Advices received here from Cumana, on the gulf of Cariaco, say

the Colombian revolution has been crushed. Kentucky at Port Sald. PORT SAID, Dec. 20.-The United States battleship Kentucky arrived here at 8

o'clock this morning Movements of Ocean Vessels Dec. 20. New York-Arrived-Bulgaria, from ourg and Boulogne, Feurst Bismarck, Naples, Vaderland, from Southamp-Salled-La Champagne, for Havre, Bremen-Arrived-Lahn, from New

Queenstown Arrived Germanic, from York, for Liverpool, Sailed Teutonic, a Liverpool, for New York, Kobe Arrived, Dec. 15 Bergenhus, a Portland, Ore., for Yokohama, etc. ed. Dec. 10 Brasmar, for Tacoma, London Arrived Menominee, from York, Sailed, Dec. 20 Minneapolis, for York Liverpool - Arrived - Commonwealth, Boston. Salled-Belgenland, for Phil-

Muroran-Sailed, Dec. 15-Horda, for Yokohama-Sailed-Tacoma, for Ta-At Antwerp-Sailed-Nederland, for Pail-

CAPITOL WATCHMAN'S TALE GOLDEN RANSOM BRINGS THE KIDNAPED BOY BACK HOME

Claims He Found and Fought Three Robbers in Treasury Department.

POLICE THINK STORY IS EXAGGERATED

Visible Evidence Does Not Corroborate Guardian's Statement, and it is Said He Was to Have Been Relieved from Duty.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 20 .- (Special Telegram.)-An armed force of policemen, detectives and deputy sheriffs were called to the capitol building at 2:30 this morning by a report from Night Watchman Good that an attempt was being made to rob the state treasury.

Four bullet holes were found in various parts of the first floor corridor halls, and in the treasurer's office, immediately in front of the vault, was a small gunney sack containing a chisel and a candle. The night watchman said two shots were fired at him by the robbers and that he returned two from his own gun.

Bloodhounds were put on the trail, but

neither the dogs nor the officers could find any clue or trace of the burglars. Good said he saw three men, but could not identify them. They disappeared after the rapid exchange of shots. Nothing was stolen. After a thorough examination this morning the police authorities concluded that Good's story was greatly exaggerated, and it is believed by some that there was no ago or more to garrison all the large cen- attempt to rob the treasury. One theory is that the night wachman was alarmed by tolses made by mice and rats, and, ing, fired promiscuously in various directions. Experts today declared that the shots described by Good were impossible. One hole was described as being made by a bullet shot at an angle of nearly 45 degrees. The hole is in the plaster wall and could not have been made except by a

bullet shot on a straight line. Sergeant Hathaway of the police force said that he understood that Good had some trouble with the state officers and was to have been relieved from duty last night. Bloodhounds this afternoon took a scent under one of the treasury department windows and followed it east and north from were no indications that any person had taken off the trail tonight. The authorities ow about 15,000 marks. The paper adds have determined that if there were robbers

Story of the Watchman. "I had been through the corridors on the second floor of the building and was standing near the east entrance on the lower floor, when I heard a peculiar sound, which I thought was caused by striking pieces of steel together," said the night watch-"My first impression was that Mr. Meserve or some clerk of the treasurer's office was in the building for the purpose of ascertaining whether I was attending to my duties. I listened, and then concluded that the sound came from the treasurer's office. I got down on the floor an placed my ear near the crack under the door leading into the treasurer's office. I heard the suspicious sounds plainer than before and I believed then that there were safe-blowers inside.

"I had often planned what I would do in such a case of emergency, and when at the burglars from an outside window, not be seen. The stairway leading down turns at about the fourth step and just as I came to the turning place I heard the command, 'Throw up your hands!' I velled back, 'Halt!' but by the time I had finished speaking he fired at me. He was standing it the foot of the stairway and the bullet in regard to the cross channel steamers struck my watch chain, passed on through my coat and went into the plastered wall. I yelled again, and the next minute a man came running along the basement floor from the east. I went down then and fired a shot at him. I waited a few minutes before I went upstairs again, expecting the rest of the gang to come down where I was. I heard no signs of their approach and pretty soon I started back to the treas-

Another Exchange of Shots

"As I came out into the main corridor heard another command to throw up my hands. I jumped back of the wall and then started back again in the direction of the door of the treasurer's office, intending to turn in an alarm. I was crouching low all this time, but had not gone many feet before I heard another report from behind. turned and fired a shot in the direction of the sound. That was the last shot fired then went to the box and rang three times. I didn't know just how to turn in burglar alarm on the box and make sure to Mr. Meserve's residence and notify him peared. There were no shots fired after the alarm was turned in.

"I am confident the men in the basement escaped through the basement door and I was almost positive that the man who fired at me on the main floor ran upstairs. saw no more of him and cannot imagine how he escaped from the building. Treasurer Meserve arrived on the scen about half an hour after the shots were fired. He found several windows in his office open and this morning an examinain the office desk had been opened. He

"I am positive there were men in the office last night. The drawer in the desk was opened and some of its contents misplaced, but nothing was stolen. I blame the newspapers for this. They have been talking every day about turning over a vast amount of money, intimating that a least \$150,000 in actual cash was carried in the vault. The publication of such matter attracted the notice of criminals and they paid us a visit.'

Theory of the Police.

"The case is a very peculiar one," said 'It seems to me that if anybody attempted to rob the state treasury they would have gone about the job in a systematic and more businesslike way. A state treasury new man in the safe-cracking business could not have broken through the strong doors of those safes and it would have been a big job for a gang of men skilled by wide experience in safe-cracking

"There are many reasons why the affair (Continued on Third Page.)

LETTER SENT BY KIDNAPERS

Exact Copy of the Communication Received at the Cudahy Residence Demanding \$25,000.

OMAHA, December 19th, 1900. Mr. Cudahy: We have kidnaped your child and demand \$25,000 (twentyfive thousand dollars) for his safe return. If you give us the money, the child will be returned as safe as when you last saw him, but if you refuse we will put acid in his eyes and blind him, then we will ammediately kidnap another millionaire's child that we have spotted and demand \$100,000 and we will get it, for he will see the condition of your child and realize the fact that we mean business and will not be monkeyed with or captured. Get the money all in gold, five, ten and twenty dollar pieces, put it in a grip in a white wheat sack, get in your buggy alone on the night of December 19th at 7 o'clock p. m., and drive south from your house to Center street; turn west on Center and drive back to Ruser's park and follow the paved road towards Fremont; when you come to a lantern that is light by the side of the road place the money by the lantern and ammediately turn your horse around and return home. You will know our lantern for it will have two ribbons, black and white, tied on the handle; you must place a red lantern on your buggy where it can be plainly seen, so we will know you a mile away. This letter and every part of it must be returned with the money and any attempt at capture will be the saddest thing you ever sone.

CAUTION FOR HERE LIES DANGER.

If you remember some twenty years ago, Charley Ross was kidnapped in New York City and \$20,000 ransom asked. Old man Ross was willing to give up the money but Burns, the great detective, with others, persuaded the old man not to give up the money assuring him that the thieves would be captured. Ross died of a broken heart, sorry that he allowed the detectives to dictate to him.

This letter must not be seen by any one but you. If the police or some stranger knew its contents they might attempt to capture us although entirely against your wish or some one might use a lantern and represent us; thus, the wrong party securing the money and this would be as fatle to you as if you refused to give up the money. So you see the danger if you let this letter be seen.

Mr. Cudahy you are up against it and there is only one way out. GIVE UP THE COIN. Money we want and money we will get.

If you don't give up, the next man will, for he will see that we mean ousiness and you can lead your boy around blind the rest of your days, and all you will have is the dam copper sympathy. Do the right thing by us and we will do the same by you. If you refuse you will soon see the saddest sight you ever secn.

Wednesday, December 19th. THIS NIGHT OR NEVER.

Follow these instructions and no harm will befall you or yours

Forecast for Nebraska-Fair Friday; Mod-

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AUTONOMY FOR PHILIPPINES

Plan to Form Provinces Into United States Territories, Which Later Will Apply for Statehood.

MANILA. Dec. 20.-The leaders of the projected autonomy party have again visited the Philippines commission and the platform proposed was discussed privately and in an informal way. The commissioners advise the elimination of a few minor features. Personally they approve the movement as a forward step in the direction of the ultimate measure of self-government, which the commission has already been in structed to endeavor to bring about,

The plan of the party is to form United States territories involving candidature for ultimate statehood. The platform declares in favor of a senate and house of repre sentatives elected from districts according to population. In preparing a bill of rights the United States constitution is utilized with the exception of the feature of trial by jury

According to the plan the governor general, appointed by the president, would men was dispatched north yesterday evenhave the power to veto except in cases of ing a two-thirds vote of the legislature. The legislature would choose five delegates to the United States congress.

The platform opposses the sale of the Philippines without the consent of the legis-It contains little regarding th judiciary or local affairs. The platform opposes the sale of the United States constitution. The most in-

fluentual and honorable natives are identi-

fied with the movement. STANDARD OIL WINS AGAIN Attorney General Sheets of Ohio Asks

Court's Permission to Dismiss All

Cases Against Octopus.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 20.-Attorney General John M. Sheets today appeared be-

fore the supreme court of Ohio and asked that all the cases brought against the constituent companies of the Standard Oil company be dismissed. He stated that it was his opinion that the evidence was not sufficient to continue the prosecution. The court asked the attorney general to prepare such entries as he desired made, and it is generally conceded that the cases will the dropped by the court. They were actions in ouster and were all instituted by former all strongly held by the British and in ouster and were all instituted by former Attorney General Monnet. The action of the attorney general also

includes the dismissal of the suit against the Continental Tobacco company.

GENERAL LEE WILL RESPOND

Army Commander to Be the Guest of the New England Society of St. Louis Tonight.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.-General Fitzhugh Lee, commanding the Department of the Missouri, who will be guest of honor at the annual dinner of the New England society tomorrow night, is expected to reach St. Louis early tomorrow morning in his spe cial car over the Burlington route. He will Detective Malone of the city police force. respond to the toast, "The Army and Navy," Other guests of prominence at the dinner will be General John W. Noble, Lafayette Young of Des Moines Ia., Rev. Dr. Daniel Dorchester and President William B. Homer large amount of money. A tenderfoot or a and will be one of the most brilliant affairs

> CHICAGO, Dec. 29—Philip Dec. 20 and of Armour & Co., who has been send of Armour & Co., who has been selightly ill for a few days past, was reported to be in a serious, though not afarm-condition tonight. The present difficult of the condition of allments and comes in the nature of a relapse.

a Wider Range.

Reports Boers Have Occupied Coles- he made. Greatly Excited Over the Invasion.

Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Dec. 20 .- (New York World Calegram-Special Telegram.)-Persistent reports are circulating in the political clubs tonight that a widespread rebellion has broken out in Cape Colony. This is believed to be the cause of Salisbury's pessi mistic speech Tuesday. The situation is regarded with deep alarm, as it is feared Kitchener's supplies are in danger of being cut off. Kitchener is said to have sent dispatch Saturday, demanding 30,000 additional mounted men as essential to the security of the British position in South Africa. "o practicable scheme for providing nese reinforcements has yet been framed by the War office. The general outlook is regarded as blacker than at any ime since the outbreak of the war CAPETOWN, Dec. 20.-The invasion cape Colony is spreading. It is reported that the Boers have occupied Colesburg scuth of Phillippolis, and near the Orarge are much disturbed. A mixed force of 1,000

LONDON, Dec. 20 .- The following dispatch has been received from General Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Wednesday, December 19

A party of Boers, estimated at from ear Sand drift. been followed. I have sent onsiderable body of men, who are getting considerable body of men, who are getting around them.

The Beers from Rhenoster hock are being followed closely from Venterstadt, which they left at 2 o'clock yesterday evening, soing in the direction of Steynsberg.

The important points on the railway and the neighborhood are well guarded. I hope the band will soon be driven north again.

Official Review of Situation.

A government memorandum issued this evening makes the following announcement The principal seat of action has been transferred to the northern part of Cape Colony. Early on December 16 a large body of Boers crossed the Orange river toward Burghersdorp. A British force followed, to avoid which the Boers turned westward and occupied Venterstad on December 18, but they evacuated the town the same day on the approach of the British and marched in the direction of Steynberg.

The Boers, however, have been intercepted and find difficulty in moving in any direction. as Steynsburg, Burghersdorp, Stromberg, Rosmead and Naauwpoort are

rear.

Another body of 2,000 Boers crossed at Sand Drift, making for Colesberg, but of the dispatch of a British force they diverged and occupied Philipstown December 19, cutting the telegraph wires between Philipstown and Houktkraal. Early this morning a portion of these Boers reaches Horktkraal station and cut the line there. Considerable reinforcements have been sent to DeAar and Hanover, and it is expected that further invasion will now be stopped except in the case of scouting parties which may slip through to raid cattle and to obtain much needed supplies.

Hitherto there has been very little fighting, as the enemy in every instance have ing as the enemy in every instance has retired before the English. They has taken our garrison of twenty at Ventersta prisoners, but the Magersfonteins repuis their attack, inflicting severe losses aft some hours fighting and the refusal of demand to surrender. demand to surrender.

It is probable that of the two invading forces the former is a part of Dewet's commando and the latter consists of several small commandos hitherto operating in the west of the Grange River Colony and a number of rebels.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 20.-The situation is a pretty big thing and one would of the society. The dinner will be given the northern districts of Cape Colony naturally suppose that it contains quite a in the banquet hall of the Mercantile club more serious. Fully 2,000 Boers have invaded that section. Grave fears are or tertained that Dutch sympathizers will join he rebellion and that this will spread Philip D. Armour in Serious Condition | Although there is no fear as to the ultimate result, the lack of a sufficient num her of mounted troops is felt by the British The enormous waste of horses in South Africa was never fully appreciated until

Return of Young Edward Cudahy Costs Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars.

MONEY IS LEFT AT THE APPOINTED PLACE

Father Sees No One, but Captors Keep Faith and Return the Boy.

THE STORY OF DETAILS KIDNAPING

Abductors Pretend to Be Officers from Sarpy County-Allege He is Runaway from That County-Blindfolded and Taken to South Omaha-Says His Captors Treated Him Kindly-Six Men in Gang.

Edward Cudahy, jr., is worth his weight in gold. To rescue him from the hands of the men who abducted him early last Tuesday evening and held him until he was released early Thursday morning his father, E. A. Cudahy, turned over a bag of gold weighing ninety-five pounds avoirdupois, or 112 pounds troy, but little below that of the boy himself. The amount paid was \$25,-000, all of it in gold coin.

The story connected with the abduction and restoration of young Cudahy reads like a romance, and it is but little wonder that when The Bee extra appeared on the streets soon after 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon, giving substantially all the details of the payment of the ransom, men in every walk of life were incredulous. The idea that a man of Mr. Cudahy's well known business sagacity should drive out to a lonely spot in the country, CONDITION OF THE WEATHER | SPREAD OVER CAPE COLONY lay down a sack containing \$25,000 in gold and deliberately turn around and leave it there, trusting to the word of men whose own actions had branded them as outlaws to fulfill their part of the Boer Operations in English Territory Taking compact, seemed beyond belief. That such was really the case, however, can not be doubted, as it is confirmed in every detail both by Mr. Cudahy himself and several other men who have BRITISH SEND TROOPS TO THE SCENE been close to him during the entire time his son was in the hands of the bandits and who were fully conversant with every move

Father Notified by Letter.

The conditions under which the kidnapers were willing to release their victim were detailed in full in a letter which was thrown into the yard of the Cudahy residence Wednesday forenoon by an unknown rider, who afterward went to a nearby livery stable, informed Mr. Cudahy by telephone that a communication had been left for him, and then, after hanging up the receiver, mounted his horse and rode rapidly away. One of the servants went immediately into the yard and found the letter, which was at once taken to Mr. Cudahy. It was written with pencil on yellow paper and was evidently composed by someone who had a fair education. The sentences are, for the most part, grammatical, but two words, "immediately" and "fatal" are misspelled. Owing to the confusion and excitement consequent upon the disappearance of young Cudahy, a story gained circulation that two communications were received during the day by Mr. Cudahy, but this proved to be a mistake. The letter thrown into the yard was the only word the distracted parents received from River Colony frontier. The people here the captors of their child. Mr. Cudahy had copies of the letter prepared, but did not retain the original, as its return was made part of the bargain for the restoration of the boy.

The communication from the kidnapers conveyed the information that the young man would be returned to his parents, providing the sum of \$25,000 was paid that night, and gave explicit crossed the Grange river at directions as to where the ransom should be left. A consultation A second band is reported to have crossed was immediately held by Mr. Cudahy and his friends and various plans were discussed looking to the capture of the gang when they should put in an appearance at the rendezvous which they had named. One by one these were dropped as impracticable, and at last, impelled by the fearful strain under which the family was suffering, Mr. Cudahy decided to comply with the demands of the bandits.

Secures Gold for Ransom.

As soon as this decision was reached a trusted messenger, who had been sworn to secreey, was dispatched to the Omaha National bank for the money. He returned in a short time, bringing with him \$25,000 in gold coin. After supper had been eaten Mr. Cudahy ordered one of his horses harnessed to a light buggy and, taking the sack containing the gold, drove out Center street to the appointed meeting place. In compliance with the demand made in the letter, he was quite alone, and carried a red lantern in his wagon, the signal that had been asked for in the commu-

After driving about five miles his attention was attracted by a small white light that seemed to be close to the roadside. This was the place where he had been directed to leave the gold. As he came up to it he saw that it was simply a small lantern suspended from a stick. Alighting from his buggy, he took the sack containing the money and deposited it on the ground close by the stick and, leaving it there, climbed into the carriage, turned his horse around and drove home, without having seen or heard anyone or anything.

Presumably, however, his arrival and departure had been noted. At least about 1 o'clock Thursday morning the missing boy was set down within a few blocks of his home and soon after was again in the house which he had quitted but little more than twenty-four hours before. He was safe and sound and had been treated kindly, he said.

Father Is Well Pleased.

Mr. Cudahy expresses himself as being very well satisfied with his bargain. He says it is his boy and his money, and he would gladly have given more for the boy's return, if it had been necessary. Feeling that it is his affair alone, Mr. Cudahy does