# LORD ROBERTS **VERY CAUTIOUS**

Boers' Activity Keeps Him Busily Guessing.

## ENGLAND IS DISGRUNTLED

Proposed March Upon Pretoria Beset With Many Difficulties-Winter Campaign is Probable.

A London special says: Britons are now beginning, though reluctantly, to realize that Lord Roberts is in for a winter campaign, lasting several months. This is the end, in a few words, of the high hopes based upon Lord Roberts's brilliant dash to Kim-

berly and Bloemfontein. Preparations are being made to hold Bloemfontein against surprises. Lord Kitchener has been given an important duty, being responsible for the protection of the railway, while Lord Roberts is waiting for remounts and winter clothing for the troops, whose thin cotton khaki uniforms and boots are worn out. General Brabant and General Gatacre are both at a standstill. Lord Roberts will probably for some time confine his operations to clearing the Free States behind him of raiders and to relieving Mafeking, for which purpose apparently the Eighth

division, now arriving at Cape town, has been ordered to Kimberley. What the chances are for an advance to Pretoria may be judged from the fact duties which will devolve upon him as of April 3d, I ordered Gatacre to prothat only from 6,000 to 10,000 horses president. are on their way to the cape and from three weeks began making woolen khaki uniforms. It is said it will take at least two months to provide 200,000

EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE PEACE. Mr. Steyn's address to the Free

State read at Kroonstad is confirmed. The Fischer-Wolmarans deputation has full power to negotiate for peace, subject to the raad's sanction. The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, telegraphing

Sunday, says: "Confirmation has been received of the report that the Boers are in laager

in considerable force, with guns, at Donkerspoort, eighteen miles south-"The British scouts report another

body still closer. The Boer patrols have grown very daring, venturing nearer our tents.

A London special under date of the Boers southeast and southwest of Bloemfontein continues, the Boer commands seemingly coming and going throughout a wide region as they please, but taking good care not to throw themselves against strong bodies of the British.

The retirement of the Irish Rifles from Rouxville to Aliwal leaves General Brabant without communication with the other British forces. He has 2,000 or 3,000 colonists holding a fine defensive country, but he is apparently invested so far as London knows.

Lord Roberts' last message bore date of April 7. The absence of news as usual disheartens the people and produces an altogether discouraging effect. The last unofficial message notes that good spirits at Bloemfontein are continuing and tells of the arrival of animals and two fresh cavalry regiments. Lord Roberts has now 15,000 mounted men altogether.

In the Orange Free State the situation is complex, with scanty material for forming a correct estimate of the situation and the afternoon newspapers not being in the confidence of the managers are criticising the conduct of affairs as they see them. Thus the St. James Gazette reviewing the army-system says:

"As a consequence of the foolish. sporting, boyish estimate of the war, General Buller is anchored indefinitely, as he must wait for transports until Lord Roberts is adequately sup-

## HOWARD WILL SURRENDER.

Alleged Goebel Assassin Says He Awaits a Warrant. A Frankfort special says: The re

port that it would take 1,000 men to arrest Jim Howard of Clay county. who is said to have fired the shoi that killed Governor Goebel, is denied by Dr. H. B. Philips, a prominent citizen of Clay county.

Dr. Philips arrived in Frankfort Monday morning and announced that he had seen Howard and had a long talk with him. Howard, he says, told him that whenever a warrant was issued for his arrest he would gladly go with the officer having it, and would not attempt to dodge or resist the law in any way.

COURT BILL BECOMES LAW.

Judicial Machinery Can Now Operate

For Northwestern Georgia. Congress has authorized the holding of district court sessions in Rome. Ga. The bill introduced by Judge Maddox, of the Seventh district, to divide the Northern district, establishing the Northwestern district, was passed by the senate Monday unanimously and without debate. The bill passed the house Friday. It is the first important Georgia bill that has become a law at this session.

### FOR DISLOYALTY.

A Dublin Newspaper Is Seized By Order of the Government.

The Dublin, Ireland, police, by order of the government, seized Friday's issue of the United Irishmen as a print "calculated to produce discontent, disaffection and disloyalty." The immediate cause of the seizure was the

#### EAGAN IS PRESIDENT

Of Central of Georgia Railway. Hansom Heads the Board of Directors.

At Savannah, Ga., Monday, Vice President John M. Egan, of the Central of Georgia Railway Company, was elected president of that system to succeed the late President Hugh M.

Major J. F. Hanson, of Macon, was elected chairman of the board of directors, in which position he will have charge of the system's financial

The meeting of the board of directors at which these elections were held was perhaps the most important one since the reorganization of the system, yet none of the northern directors were

The directors of the road who were present were: J. M. Eagan, A. R. Lawton, George J. Mills and Abraham Vetsburg, of Savannah; Evan P. Howell, of Atlanta; S. R. Jaques and F. Hanson, of Macon; G. Gundy

Jordan, of Columbus, and Uriah B. Harrold, of Americus. Mr. Eagan was unanimously elected president of the Central, following which Major Hanson was chosen chairman of the board of directors. The by-laws under which Major Hanson was chosen to fill this position provides that he shall preside at all meetings of the board, shall have charge of the finances of the company and shall

perform such other duties as may be required of him from time to time. Major Hanson's duties will be somewhat similar to those of Mr. Comer

during the year or two prior to his No vice-president was chosen, and there will be none. President Egan will have charge of the active management of the property as he had as vice-president in addition to the new

the further fact that the military tailor- the chairman of the board of directors all possible speed, and I dispatched ing department only within the last were not fixed at this meeting. Major the Cameron Highlanders hence to Hanson was made chairman of the executive board, succeeding Samuel Spencer, and Colonel A. R. Lawton | without opposition, but could get no was placed on the executive board to news of the missing detachment. succeed the late H. M. Comer. This board will meet in a few days and fix the salaries of the president and chairman of the board.

It is thought President Eagan's salary will be the same as that received by President Comer prior to Mr. Egan's coming to the road, which was \$12,000 a year. It is also said to be likely that Major Hanson's salary will be something like \$8,000 annually.

#### SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

List of New Industries Established

During the Past Week. The more important of the new industries reported during the past week ended April 7 include adding and printing machine works in Virginia; a basket and box factory in April 9 says: The amazing activity of Georgia; a bucket and tub factory in Virginia; a candy factory and a canning factory in Georgia; car shops in Texas; coal mines in West Virginia; cotton mills in Georgia, the Carolinas and Tennessee-the latter a \$500,000 investment; cotton seed oil mills in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina; electric light plants in Tennessee and Texas: an electric light and power cempany in Mississippi; a fencing manufactory

in Texas; fertilizer factories in Georgia and Virginia; flouring mills in Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee; a furniture factory in North Carolina; gas works and a hardware company in Texas; a heading, hoop and stave factory in Tennessee: ice factories in Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas; iron works in Arkansas and South Carolina; knitting mills in Mississippi and South Carolina; lumber mills in Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina and Texas; a machine works in Texas; a mantel and office fittings factory in North Carolina; marble quarries in Alabama; novelty works in South Carolina; a paper mill and a paper box factory in Virginia; a phosphate plant in Florida; planing mills in Louisiana and South Carolina; quarries for building rock in Florida; a railroad equipment company in Arkansas; shingle mills in Louisiana and South Carolina; a shoe factory in Georgia; a soap factory in Alabama; a sugar mill and a \$1,000,000 sugar refinery in Florida; telephone systems in Georgia and Virginia; zinc mines in Arkansas.

#### -(Tradesman, Chattanooga, Tenn.) BRYAN IN CALIFORNIA.

Citizens of Los Angeles Accord Ne-

braskan a Cordial Welcome. W. J. Bryan, who arrived in Los Angeles, Cal., Sunday from Fresno, was loudly cheered at the depot by a large crowd of people. Mr. Bryan was escorted to a hotel by a committee of prominent Democrats, and after a short rest held a public reception in the hotel parlors. Many people called to pay their respects and to shake hands. Sunday night he was the guest of ex-Senator White. Mr. Bryan left Monday morning for Santa Anna, where he spoke in the afternoon. Then he bondholders who control a majority of to decide whether a strike shall be went to San Diego, where he spoke Monday evening.

### GOES OVER THE LIMIT.

Agricultural Appropriation Bill Car-

ries More Than Four Millions. The agricultural appropriation bill eported to the house Saturday carries \$4,116,400, being \$390,778 more than the law for the current year. An additional allowance of \$40,000 for seed distribution is granted upon the petition of 225 members of the house. \$60,000 is appropriated for iron warning towers for the weather bureau in place of the present wonden struc-

### MRS. DEWEY AN EPISCOPALIAN

Report That Admiral's "Best" Half Had Quit Catholic Church.

A report was in circulation in Washington Sunday that Mrs. Dewey had left the Catholic church and had become an Episcopalian, but no verification of the rumor could be obtained. Rev. Mackin, who married the admiral and his wife, and who is recpublication of an article entitled tor of her church, refused to talk con-Baptists when the convention meets cerning the report.

## MANY REDCOATS ARE CAPTURED

**Boers Get Five Companies** of Robert's Troops.

### GREAT SETBACK

Queen Hears the Sad Story and Consternation Is Created In England. Dispatch From Roberts.

A London special says: Lord Roberts reports that five companies of British troops have been captured by

the Boers near Bethany. The following is the text of his dispatch to the war office announcing the capture of five companies of his

"BLOEMFONTEIN, Thursday, April 5. -Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred, resulting, I fear in the capture of a party of infantry consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth regiment of mounted infantry near Reddersburg, a little eastward of Bethany railway station, within a few miles of this place. They were sur-

rounded by a stronger force of the enemy with four or five guns. "The detachment held out from noon April 3d, until April 4th at 9 a. m., and then, apparently, surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time. Immediately after I heard the news, during the afternoon ceed to Reddersburg from Springfon-The salaries of the president and of | tein, his present headquarters, with Bethany. He arrived at Reddersburg at 10:30 o'clock vesterday morning There can be no doubt the whole party has been made prisoners."

#### QUEEN HEARS NEWS.

Lord Robert's dispatch describing the disaster at Reddersburg was printed in the Dublin evening papers and created general consternation. It

brought the populace with a quick turn from the rejoicing over the queen's visit to the great issues of the war, and cast a sudden gloom over the gayety of the party at the castle.

A prominent member of the cabinet, now in Dublin, when interviewed by the correspondent of the Associated Press did not attempt to conceal his mortification, nor to minimize the evil effect of such reverses upon the prestige of the empire abroad. He attributes it and others like it of and to the inability of the remounts sent forward to endure the climate. He appeared to have no hope of im-

mediate advance inforce. In the cabinet minister's statement there was no criticism of Lord Roberts, who appears to be trusted implicitly, but intense irritation and chagrin are felt that so many "unfortunate circumstances" should retard the march to Pretoria.

### JUDGE BROWN EXPLAINS.

Indites a Card Relative to Release of Greene and Gaynors.

United States District Judge Brown at New York reviewed in an interview Friday the grounds of his decision in refusing a bench warrant for the removal to Georgia of B. D. Greene, J. F., E. H. and W. T. Gaynor, indicted in Savannah in connection with the frauds carried out by former Captain | negie company can easily acquire a Carter. Judge Brown said, among other things:

"The reported surprise and anger on account of my decision have, in my mind, nothing more back of them than a passionate feeling down south that they would like to take these men that they are swindlers and should be brought to trial there at once, where the witnesses against them are."

### SOUTHERN GETS AIR-LINE.

Ownership Is-Effected Through a Bond

Deal In Boston. The Southern Railway is now virtually the owner of the Air-Line road through a deal consumated in Boston Friday whereby it secured control of the entire issue of the first mortgage bonds amounting to \$2,000,000. A telegram was received in Louisville from a member of the bondholders' committee saying that an offer had been made by representatives of the Southern for the bonds. The lacal the issue, held a quick consultation and it was decided to accept the offer.

#### SHIPPING STRUCTURAL IRON. Carnegie Company Doing Their Part In Rebuilding of Auditorium.

The Carnegie company, who received from the Gillette-Herzog Manu- withstand the shock. facturing Company of Minneapolis, the contract for structural iron to be used in the construction of the convention hall at Kansas City, have commenced shipment of the material. As far as the Carnegie company is concerned, the building can be completed on time.

### LANDRUM FOR PRESIDENT.

Atlanta Preacher Named For Head of Baptist Home Mission Board. Rev. W. W. Laudrum, pastor of the First Baptist church of Atlanta, Ga., has been chosen by the home mission board of the Southern Baptist conven-

tion as chairman to succeed Rev. Henry McDonald, who resigned. Dr. Landrum's name will be presented to the annual convention of the

## 'SLEUTHS" IN COURT.

Serious Charges Made By Lawyers Against Two Atlanta Detectives.

David S. Looney and William A. Bradley, two private detectives of Atlanta, were declared Monday night by Judge J. H. Lumpkin to be in contempt of court and were sentenced to twenty days in Fulton county jail.

A few minutes after announcing this lecision Judge Lumpkin granted a supersedeas and placed the two men under \$1,000 bonds, making the provision that the bill of exceptions is to be filed within twenty days. The case will be taken to the supreme court for final decision, and if the judgment of Judge Lumpkin is affirmed the two detectives will at once begin serving

their sentences. All of this was the outcome of an attempt to corrupt two members of the Atlanta bar—Lowry Arnold, of the firm of Arnold & Arnold, and R. J. Jordan-which is said to have been

made a few days ago. The charges were in substance that a juror named T. J. Penn, had approached the detectives and offered to 'sell out" if they (the detectives) could arrange the matter with the attorneys interested in the will case. The lawyers alleged that they were approached on the subject in an indirect way, and forthwith reported the matter to Judge Lumpkin. .

Judge Lumpkin, in announcing his decision, refrained from dealing with the evidence heard during the day, for the reason that he did not desire to say anything that might prejudice the minds of the members of the grand jury in the event that body decides to investigate the evidence. The attorneys on both sides repeatedly made reference to a probable action by the grand jury, and there were other circumstances connected with the hearing which gave the impression that it is the present intention to have an investigation into the criminal aspect of

### COMBINE PROBABLE

Between Mammoth Steel Interests of Carnegie Company and

the Cramps. The New York World says: Negotiations are in progress for a combination of the gigantic new Carnegie company and the Cramp ship building concern. If the conference now going on in Atlantic City results in a satisfactory arrangement the coalition between these two great interests will

soon be announced. Charles M. Schwab and Henry C. Frick have been respectively at the Brighton and Traymore hotels in At-

lantic City for several days. William and Samuel Cramp, of the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building company of Philadelphia, are at the Traymore. These four representative men have had frequent meetings. They have not progressed recent occurrence to a lack of horses | beyond the point of denying that their talks have anything to do with a steel and ship building trust.

It is well known to New York steel men that ever since the Carnegie-Frick difficulties have been settled, the newly formed company has been looking for an offensive and defensive alliance with some great ship building concern. The new Carnegie company with its \$160,000,0000 capital, already stands at the head of the steel-

making interests of this country. Among the most profitable branches of activity in steel manufacturing is making armor plate for warships. The Carnegie mills lead all others in the industry. If the Carnegie company should obtain control of, or a strong alliance with, the greatest ship-building concern in the United States, it would be able to undertake contracts

of upprecedented magnitude. With power to issue bonds to the extent of \$160,000,000, the new Carbig interest in the Cramp company if the negotiators come to terms. The Cramps' capital is \$5,000,000 stock and \$1,500,000 bonds. The profits of the concern last year were \$707,800.

The heads of the great ship-building house are not far from seventy years by the neck and hustle them off to of age. New York steel men say that their gigantic shipyard.

### VOTING TO STRIKE.

Telegraphers of the Southern Railway System Have Grievances.

Differences existing between the elegraphers and station agents on the Southern Railway and the officials of the road have reached a critical stage. A strike on the part of the disaffected men that would involve between 1,100 and 1,200 telegraphers and agents seems imminent, unless the grievances they complain of are set-

A vote is now being taken by the telegraphers and agents on the road

### Non-Union Men Attacked.

mementoes.

Nineteen non-union men were reported to have been assaulted by union pickets in Chicago Saturday. Two of the men were injured seriously, one a gray-haired man, whose age may not Buried In Potter's Field.

#### The bodies of the five men who were garroted at Ponce, P. R., Saturday were buried in the potter's field. Subsequently the execution platform was broken up by a crowd of relic hunters, who carried away the fragments as

Texas Gets New Mill. An additional evidence of the development of the south is the organization of the Corsicana Cotton Factory company, of Corsicans, Texas. The company has been organized with a capital stock of \$100,000.

McKinley Signs Hague Treaty. The president has just ratified The Hague convention, providing for universal arbitration of international disof warlike instruments.

## BECKHAM WINS BEFORE COURT

Only One of the Judges In Favor of Taylor.

### SIX WERE AGAINST HIM

Gov. Taylor Makes a Statement Scoring His Alleged "Persecutors" and Says He Will Abide Supreme Court.

Friday the court of appeals of the state of Kentucky rendered a decision in the consolidated case involving the governorship, sustaining the decision of Circuit Judge Field, and declaring that the action of the legislature declaring William Goebel to be governor and J. C. W. Beckham lieutenant governor was final.

It is held that the courts have no power to review this action of the legslature; that the governor exceeded his authority in adjourning the legislature to meet in London, Ky., and that the journals of the two houses of the general assembly, being regular, cannot be impeached.

The division of the court was 6 to in favor of the Democrats, four Democrats and two Republicans concurring in the majority opinion. Judge Durelle, Republican, dissented. The majority opinion was written by Hob-

Judges Guffy and Burnam, Republicaus, wrote shorter concurring opinions agreeing with the majority on all vital points, but denouncing the action of the legislature in unseating Governor Taylor and Lieutenant Governor Marshall.

After a consultation Friday afternoon between ex-Governor Bradley and other Republican leaders, the announcement was made that application would be made at once to the United States supreme court on a writ of er-

#### PERSECUTION, SAYS TAYLOR. Governor Taylor gave out the fol-

lowing statement at Frankfort Friday "For weeks I have been made the target of villification by certain unprincipled newspapers in Kentucky. The vilest insinuations have been made and the most outrageous falsehoods have been told. When I was called to attend the funeral of a beloved brother, it was seized upon as an attempt on my part to fly from justice. Again, when called to my home by reason of the death of a dear sister. the fountains of abuse were opened and a flood of falsehoods and slander

poured forth upon me, the charge

again being made that I was attempting to fly from the state. "On my return to Frankfort those papers hastened to publish the statement that I was met at the train and escorted to my home by a squad of soldiers with a Gatling gun. There is not a word of truth in this statement, but nevertheless it was published and caused me barm. Not content with this infamous, ghoulish work, which with the unblushing audacity has followed me to the grave of my brother and sister, even the privacy of my family has been invaded, and because my wife drew from the bank some money with which to pay the servants, an attempt was made to impress the people that she, too, was

preparing to fly. "Once and for all, I desire to say neither directly nor indirectly had I any connection with the assassination of Senator Goebel. I am a citizen of this state, amenable to its laws. I am | curred. not a criminal, neither shall I ever be a fugitive from justice. Whenever indicted, if such an outrage should be committed, I shall appear for trial, conscientious of my innocence and of the ultimate triumph of right and justice. The whole purpose of this prosecution has been, and is, to drive me from my post of duty, and to punish me for holding the office to which I have fairly been elected. trial down there. There is a feeling | the Cramps are not averse to an ar- | Such surrender I have not made, nor rangement which will permit them to will I make it, unless the highest give up the arduous labor of managing | courts of this land should adjudicate that I do so.'

### WILL HAVE SPONSORS.

A Puzzling Question Is Settled to Satisfaction of Confederate Veterans.

Whether sponsors should attend the rennion of the Confederate veterans at Louisville next month, a question that has been puzzling the officers of the United Confederate Veterans for some time and has been generally discussed by the rank and file of the veterans' organization, has been settled, and the usual number of sponsors and maids of honor will be appointed by the general division department and

brigade headquarters. An official order sent out by Gen. J. B. Gordon, commanding, has req the appointment of the young ladies who will act as sponsors and maids of honor, and the committees in Louisville who have charge of the reunion preparations are making the usual arrangements for the entertainment of the young women.

### TAYLOR WAS READY.

Witness Says Governor Drew His Pistol When Goebel Was Shot. State Senator George Alexander was

one of the witnesses before the grand jury at Frankfort, Ky., Friday morning. He was in the executive office talking to Governor Taylor at the time Governor Goebel was assassinated. He detailed what he saw there and said that Governor Taylor, who was very much excited, drew a pistol, fearing that a mob would attack the executive

Plate Mirror Company Formed. The American Plate Mirror Company was chartered at Harrisburg, Pa., on Saturday with a capital of \$50,000,putes and for the regulation of the use | 000. This company is composed of well-known plate glass men.

### innununus; SOUTH CAROLINA STATE NEWS ITEMS.

innonnono. Charleston Gets "Free" Liquor.

A Charleston dispatch says. Free

cocktails are being served at the custom house these days, where \$1,000 worth of fine Cabinet rye whisky was dumped the other day, while state constables were trying to break in the doors. As already told in the newspapers, the custom house blind tiger has been under investigation for more than a week. The constables were making things so hot for the officials the other day that thirty-nine barrels of liquor could not be removed, and in order to throw aside suspicion the liquor had to be poured into the sewers. There was so much dumped at once that the pipes could not carry it off. and as a result, a great part of the stufi was forced through other pipes and finally drifted into the cistern from which the drinking water was drawn. "At first the cistern water had only a faint trace of liquor. Later on, however, every cooler in the building was

was in evidence so strongly that the negroes from the water front got in droves and begged for a taste. "The water from the custom house cistern is used at the Clyde Steamship Company's office and the clerks mixed cocktails ad lib. The only ingredients needed were sugar and ice and a dash of bitters. It was really surprising how strong the drinks were, and for a time the fact that free drinks were on tap created a decided sensation about the custom house. It was a novel ex-

'spiked.' The officials refused to drink.

The water was tested and the liquor

Older officials at the building who did not go in for free drinks put in a complaint about the condition of the

At the time the constables claimed the liquor was dumped into the sewers the charge was denied at the custom house, although the water from the cistern has been dished out as undeniable proof.

#### Under the New Law. The state board of directors of the

dispensary held their first meeting under the new law at Columbia the past week. There being a question as to the term of office of the incubent of county boards of control, the board has decided that they are not affected by the fact that the new law provider a different method of selecting them, and that new boards have been selected by the legislative delegates in each county. The old boards will hold till their terms expire.

Several months ago the old board of control decided that beer privileges would be abolished after June next, allowing the people engaged in the business some time to prepare for closing up. The directors now announce that the terms of the privilege of all such dispensers will end June 12th, and it will then be for the present board to decide whether beer dispensaries are to continue or not.

The board has begun purchasing liquor under the new regulationsby sample and in the absence of let ters or drummers from the firms making the offers. So far about 1,400 barrels of corn have been ordered.

#### Parker Gets Life Sentence. Another white South Carolina merchant goes to the penitentiary for life. hanging only being avoided by the merciful recommendation of the jury. The trial of E. H. Parker for the murder of Wade Hampton Bourn began at Chester Wednesday and was concluded last Saturday. A verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy was rendered after six hours' deliberations. Bourn was a young man of good standing, who had recently entered into business at Cash's, Chesterfield county, where the killing oc-

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Property to Be Improved. The working committee of the South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical Society, consisting of Colonels Holloway and Vance and Mr. W. D. Evans, is making plans for expending in buildings and other improvements the money received from the Seaboard Air-Line for right-of-way through a quarter of a mile of the society's land on the edge of the city. The city of Columbia gave the society permission to sell, provided the proceeds were used in improvements. Many substantial and needed additions and im-

#### Convicts Badly Cared For. In the Abbeville correspondence of the Greenville News there is an expression that is of interest at this time. in view of the effort to make certain changes at the state penitentiary. The

provements will be made.

statement reads:

"The Hon. William D. Mann, penitentiary director, is at home from an inspecting tour of the penitentiary and all the camps. He says everything connected with the institution is in first rate shape, except as to the care of the convicts in their quarters at the penitentiary, and their treatment there in that particular has been nothing short of inhuman. There is absolute ly no way of heating the buildings, and in summer there is next to no ventilation for the poor unfortunates. Capt. Mann says the present board will certainly remedy this trouble at once and see that the convicts do not suffer during winter or summer. He expresses surprise that there is not more consumption."

From Columbia to Cheraw. The Scaboard Air Line has been receiving freight regularly since it formally opened for business in Columbia. The freight that is being received is mixed and considerable fertilizers have been received for distribution between Columbia and Cheraw. The railroad commissioners have

been invited to go over the line between Columbia and Cheraw to accept the line for passenger business. The commissioners want to make a quiet and careful inspection of the road, it is not expected, nor desired, that

#### against the government have been published. The latest is the list of fortunate soldiers belonging to Company A, 2d regiment (Darlington Guards). The amounts for each are in the Carolina National Bank in Conumbia and upon proper receipt will

be paid out. May Benefit Florence Truckers. The truck farmers around Charleston will be interested in this bit of information, which shows that the South-

#### do the right thing: EXECUTION WAS LEGAL.

ern Express Company is disposed to

Garroting of Murderers In Porto Rico Interests Officials. Beyond the mere announcement that five criminals were to be executed at Ponce Saturday for murder and outrage, General Davis, the governor of Porto Rico, made no representation to the war department on this subject. The officials are concerned about the situation, mainly because of the method chosen for the execution of these

criminals—the garrote. But it is explained that neither for the enforcement of the death penalty, nor for the repulsive method of execution are the military authorities responsible. These are the results of the continuance in the island of the Spanish legal methods, according to the officials there. Some of the Washington officials heartily wish that it were otherwise in this particular case. There is, however, a marked indisposition to take any official action that will tend to incite the latent jealousy of the islanders over any encroachment by the national government upon their cherished customs and laws, hence the hesitancy to act in the present instance by commutting the sentence of the criminals.

#### HAVE HISTORICAL NAMES.

Various Batteries on Southern Coast Designated By War Department. The war department has given historical names to the batteries forming the new sea coast defenses. Those at southern points are:

Fort Demont. Savannah harbor, Georgia, at Fort Screven, Battery Habersham; at same fort, Battery Brumby.

Port Royal, S. C., on St. Helena

Key West, at Fort Taylor, Battery

DeLeon; at same fort, Battery Osceola; same fort, Battery Seminole. Tampa bay, Florida, Egmont key, Fort Dade; on Mullet key, Fort De-

Pensacola bay at fort Pickens, Batery Worth; same fort, Battery Cul-Mobile bay, at Fort Morgan, Battery

#### Dearborn; at same fort, Battery Bower. PANACEA FOR TROUBLES.

Suicide Among Soldlers Away From Home Seems to Be Epidemic. According to advices received by the New York World, from May 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900, there have been 83 suicides in the armies of the United

States, nearly every one due to in-During the same period nearly one thousand soldiers have been shipped from their various posts in Hawaii, Porto Rico, Cubs and the Philippines to the military insane asylum in Wash-

Of these about 90 per cent have come from the Philippines. Since December 1 last there have been 29 suicides there, all due to in-

#### sanity. ' NO BOER RESOLUTION

following resolution:

is Allowed to Run the Cantlet in the House of Representatives. In the house Saturday Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, asked unanimous consent for the consideration of the

"Resolved, That this house views with deep interest the heroic struggle of the republics of South Africa to maintain their independence and hereby tender them our most profound sympathy in their unequal but gallant

"That resolution should go to the committee on foreign affairs," observed Mr. Payne, of New York, the floor leader of the majority. "Did I understand the gentleman to bject?" asked Mr. Richardson.

#### "I did," replied Mr. Payne. BOERS BREAK FOR LIBERTY. Fourteen Make Successful Escape

From Simonstown Jail. A determined attempt to escape was made Saturday by the Boer prisoners at Simonstown and 14 of them succeedin getting away. In the confusion one of the prison-

#### 14 are missing. Otis Will Soon Be With Us.

ers was killed and another was wound-

General Otis has been formally relieved of the command of the United States forces in the Philippines and of the Eighth army corps, and is scheduled to return to the United States this month.

### HOUSE WILL AGREE.

Senate Amendments to Porto Rican Tariff Bill Will Stand.

The Republicans of the house in a well attended caucus Thursday night decided to take the shortest possible route to a termination of the Porto Rican tariff problem by concurring in all the senate amendments and sending the bill directly to the president. There was a feeble protest from Mr. Cooper of Wisconsin, chairman of the insular committee, and Mr. Moody of Massachusetts, who favored standing out against some of the features of the civil government scheme attached to the bill by the senate.

They objected especially to the senate provision making all the members of the upper council of the Porto Rican legislature appointees of the president and clothing them with the power to grant franchices, but the sentiment of the caucus was overwhelmingly against them. Tillman Asks For Mining Schools

Back Pay For Volunteers.

The lists of several companies entitled to back pay on account of claims

Senator Tillman, from the committee on mines and mining, reported a bill providing for schools of mining in the public land atates.

# A RAGING FLOOD IN TEXAS TOWN

Great Dam of the Colorado River Swept Away.

### THIRTY PEOPLE DROWNED

Heavy Damage to Property Along the Big River In Other Sections-Dis-

asters Caused by Rains.

Saturday night the city of Austin, lexas, was in darkness with a raging river one mile wide and swollen far beyond its natural banks, roaring and surging all through the lower portion of the town, having spread destruction and death in its wake.

In addition to the vast loss of property interests, it is calculated that be tween thirty and forty lives have been sacrificed, and the reports coming in from the tributary country do not tend to improve matters. The flood was not unlike the disas

trous Johnstown flood some years ago in that a raging river, already swoller far beyond its capacity, bore too hear ily upon an immense dam spanning the river at Austin, breaking the same and letting loose a reservoir of water thirty miles long, half a mile wide and sixty feet deep, to aid in carrying destruction down the valleys of the Col-

The great dam in the Colorado river gave way at noon to the enorm pressure of water and debris and with a roar and crash swept the valleys be-low the city, wrecking the immsuse light and power plant and drowning eight workmen.

Colorado river. The precipitation con tinued until Saturday morning and a a finale the downfall averaged at inches within an hour. All this vas quantity of water along the watersh of the Colorado river rapidly swelled the current until at 8 o'clock the rive which had been rising steadily, was aging torrent.

like the roar of the ocean, a gree wedge, twenty-five feet high, 500 fee wide and about eight feet thick, rolled out of the center section of the dan down the face of the sixty-foot depth into the river below. This left a yawning gap in the very niddle of the dam, which through debris and water fiercely poured. While

all of them instantly. It is estimated that more than

while the city is in darkness and with Reports from points below Anstiare to the effect that the flood has most disastrous, and the breaking the dam has occasioned many thou of dollars' worth of loss to property.
According to reports received it is be

LATER ADVICES. Sunday fully 30,000 people gather-ered at the dam and power house to witness the ruins of the plant which cost the city one and three-quarter millions of dollars a few years ago The waters of the Colorado river were still plunging and foaming around the wreck, eating away the big pile of granite which once formed the dam as though it was nothing more than

Reports from the neighboring country were to the effect that everything was under water. In Williamson county, north of Austin, railros bridges and trackage have been laid waste and all trains stopped runn The country tributary to the Colo-

chalk rock.

lieved that the worst'is over, the los as estimated so far will exceed so \$3,000,000, counting Austin as the ed. One man was recaptured, but about | largest loser. Fortunately the list of drowned is limited to those reported in the Associated Press dispatch of Saturday, as

> were at Austin when the dam broke and caught the victims unawares. Reports from several sections of central and south Texas are to the effect that a large acreage is under water and much damage has been attend-

that the mayor of that place has prohibited Mormon elders from working Fruit Not Injured. The fruit growers of middle Geor-

in army circles in Manila is the inves-tigation of Brigadier General Funston's execution of two Filipinos and the possibility of a courtmartial resulting therefrom.

Three days before it began rai very hard at Austin, the storm exit ing north along the watersheds of the

The crisis came shortly after II o'clock when suddenly, with a repor

the flood, already raging, was threaten ing everything in its path, this sudden breaking of the dam but served to add to the catastrophe. The released wa ter poured into the power house. ca ing eight employes at work, drown

houses have been destroyed and loss to property will be great, i pendent of the light and power costing \$1,500,000. The breaking the dam engulfed the old water or pany's plant below the city and it now lying fifteen feet under water

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rado river all the way down its course is being inundated, and while it is be-

it seems the only drownings reported

#### ant upon property and live stock. Warning to flormons.

The southern Mormon mission head-

quarters, which are located in Chatta-nooga, has received a communication

from Charleston, S. C., to the effect gia are rejoicing over the prospect of a large yield this season. The crop ts

#### To Courtmartial Funston. An interesting topic of conversation

some extent.

practically safe now, though it is pos-

sible that a late frost may injure it to

Sectarian Schools Knocked Out.

After some discussion the set Monday, rejected the sectorian so amendment to the Indian appro-tion bill offered by Mr. John. of