EVENTS OF THE DAY

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TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented

in a Condensed Form The plague in Honolulu is under con

General Gatacre has occupied Storm

Cape Colony Boers are retreating to

Orange Free State. General Joe Wheeler has arrived a

San Francisco from Manila. A resolution was introduced in congress asking for repeal of the tariff or

The British government has decided to retain Lord Pauncefote as ambas

sador at Washington indefinitely. The latest sugar trust's dividend w. smaller than usual, supposed to be the

result of the fight with Arbuckle. Yaqui Indians dispersed 200 Mexican soldiers who were acting as escort

to the mail, near Potam, Mexico. Geraldine, the famous racing mare, holder of the world's record for half a mile, is dead at Napa Farm, near

Napa, Cal. Lieutenant Edgar Koehler, of the Ninth infantry, was led into an ambush of Filipino rebels north of Tarlac

The Howe Lumber Company of Lowell, Mass., has assigned as a result of the failure of the Globe National bank, in Boston, to which the company

owed a large amount of money. A revolutionary movement near Sat. Salvador was recently nipped in the bud, and a confiscation by the govern ment of \$50,000 belonging Dr. Jose Atfarado, took place, who, it is report-

ed, was to have led the revolt. Sir Charles Tupper, ex-premier of Canada, believes that the Alaska bonns dary and other disputed questions bytween the United States and Canada, will soon be settled and that Canada

will get the worst of it. At a meeting of the Baptist Social Union of Boston, it was announced on behalf of the Union Theological Institution that John D. Rockefeller has undertaken to contribute one-half of the \$400,000 needed to complete the

equipment of that institution. Chief Officer Cooskey, of the transport Grant, recently arrived at San Francisco, said that on February 3, the ship sailed over the spot where Morrell island has generally been supposed to be located. It is on all sailing charts, but at 11:30 A. M. on the date mentioned, the Grant sailed over the position in latitude 29 deg. 57 min. north. longitude 174 deg. 31 min. east, and not a trace of the island could be found. At noon any land 400 feet above the level of the sea could be seen for a distance of 25 miles.

Cecil Rhodes is on his way to Eng-

Princeton college wants a million Cronie's men are now prisoners on

board British warships. Germany will admit American mea-

for fear of a tariff war. The machinists of Philadelphia de-

mand a nine-hour day. Six people were burned to death in

New York tenement-house fire. The increase in American imports has been nearly doubled in three years. San Francisco highbinders murdered

two men, both leading merchants of General Woods asserts that trouble

in Cuba is now absolutely out of the question. The transport Grant has arrived at

San Francisco from Manila with 201 sick soldiers abourd. The British second-class cruiser Hemes is reported off Cat island, in

the Bahamas, in distress. President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford University, in a speech at Chicago, said that England would soon

Trouble has arisen between the cigar and box manufacturers of Tampa, Fla. Advance in the price of boxes is the

Tom Sharkey and Bob Fitzsimmon signed articles of agreement for a 25-round bout before the club offering the

largest purse. The United States government will begin the manufacture of smokeless powder and compete with private man

ufacturers in point of quality. The American Clay Manufacturing Company, the \$10,000,000 consolida-

tion of sewer-pipe manufacturers, will control 85 per cent of the industry. Near Olympia, Wash., three chil-

dren, aged 5, 7 and 9 years, were burned to death while their parents were absent from home attending a

In the United States there are 5,427,-767 bachelors and 3,224,494 spinsters. The first woman's clup of Puerte Rico has been organized by some Amer-

icap women living in Ponce. The longest span of telegraph wire in the world is that over the river Kistna in India. It is over 6,000 feet long.

- The usual output from 100 gold mines in the immediate vicinity of Johannesburg is 15 tons of gold a

LATER NEWS.

The senate passed the diplomatic and

Queen Liliuokalani will receive no pension from the government. General Joe Wheeler's resignation will be accepted on his arrival in

Rear-Admiral McCormick has been placed on the retired list on his own application.

General Kobbe, with 2,500 men, has occupied the town of Sorsogon, in the

Washington.

southern end of Luzon. Thousands of organized insurgents are resisting the Americans in the

Antique province in Panay. The annual reports of Indian agents show that the entire Indian population

of the United States is 297,905 The legislature of Illinois appropriat-

ed \$100,000 for the reconstruction of the Lincoln moument at Springfield. The mutual Life Insurance Company

of New York, has subscribed for £2,-000,000 of the new English war loans. The legislative trouble at Frankfort, Ky., is at the boiling point. Militia is in complete control of the state execu-

The threatened strike of the em ployes of the St. Louis Transit Company is off. An agreement satisfactory to both sides was reached.

Indications are that the Boer war is lrawing to an end. President Kruger has appealed to Lord Salisbury for a

essation of hostilities. Taxation of corporations in Paris has led to the transfer of many main offices to Brussels, French societies being incorporated there under the laws of Belgium to avoid the French income tax.

Admiral Kautz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific squadron, has been ordered to proceed with the Philadelphia to the coast of Central America

The president has commuted to imprisonment for life the sentence of death imposed by court-martial in the case of Private George Murphy, com-pany C, Twenty-fourth infantry, convicted of the murder of another soldies

of the same company in the Philippines Dr. H. D. Morgan, of the United States navy, speaking of the war in the Philippines, says: "I do not believe that the revolution is at an end. The Filipinos are scattered about the islands, mainly in Luzon, in small bands, but it is generally understood that they are under orders to concentrate at any given point when the word is passed. I do not believe that Agui-naido is in China. It is my impression

General Joubert is now in supreme command of the Boers.

The total cost of the war in the Philippines so far is \$50,000,000.

British casualties in the final relief of Ladysmith were almost 2,000.

The island of Tutuila, of the Samoan group, is to be used as a naval station. Fire in the retail dry goods district ed, and one man is missing. of Philadephia, caused a loss of \$700,-

Boers say that the retreat from Ladysmith was due to a commander's mis- Leynsberg are being pushed.

Senator Hoar now wants to give Queen Liliuokalani \$250,000 from the treasury.

The Puerto Rican tariff bill was denounced from the pulpit by a Washington minister. Steps are being taken to organize

bank with \$25,000 capital at lone, Morrow county, Or. Strikes and labor troubles of various

kinds have thrown 50,000 men out of employment in Chicago. Civil war is imminent in China.

One province is already in revolt over the dethronoment of the emperor. The senate has confirmed the appoint-

ment of H. B. Miller, of Josephine county, Oregon, to be consul at Chung Kiang, China. Lady White, wife of General Sir

George White, has been invested by Queen Victoria with the Order of the Congressman Alfred C. Harmer, of Pennsylvania, father of the house of

representatives, is dead at Philadelobia, aged 75 years. The United States government has ordered that the California "Mammoth

Free Grove," in Calaveras county, be conded for park purposes. The Pure Food and Drug congress,

to provide penalties for adulteration. Isaac Gordon, of Birmingham, England, the notorious money lender, is dead. He was known all over the kingdom, under various aliases, and is said to have been worth £1,000,000.

in regard to the possible fate of Andre, the occurrence. "I believe as long as possible, in his return, making the most liberal allowance of time for his reappearance, but I no longer have any hope. I don't believe that he is living; otherwise we should certainly have heard of him. All that can be looked for now is the

recovery of his body." Leading Paris hotels have raised the rates from \$3 to \$9 a day.

Thomas A. Edison, Jr., says he has constructed a safety electric miner's

are unhappy.

The largest real estate owner of all American institutions is the University of Texas, which holds over 2,000,000

TAKEN BY SURPRISE

Boers Outwitted by Roberts' Movement.

MADE NO DETERMINED STAND

Retreated Eastward, Being Followed by French's Cavair /- The Dutch Making for Bloemfonteln.

London, March 10 .- The Boers appear to have made no stand whatever, except that while in retreat they twice rifle fire. As no report has been made force. General French is still following them and keeping between them

and Bloemfontein. The evacuation of the northern districts of Cape Colony is now nearly complete. The British are in possession of the rialroad crossings.

The military critics comment on the discouraging news from Mafeking. Colonel Baden-Powell seems to be in grave need of outside help. Otherwise he would not allow correspondents to send out information respecting the distress of the garrison.

A re-adjustment of some of the higher commands is taking place. General White is to go to Stormberg to take supreme command of General Gatacre's division and the Tenth division, now in process of formation, which will be long? under the immediate command of General Hunter, Sir George White's chief-

The Daily News makes the following announcement:

"It was rumored in London yesterday-and we have no reason for believing the rumor to be correct-that for the purpose of protecting American the two republics made informal and and we are cheerfully enduring the unofficial overtures of peace on the preceding day. Unfortunately, the a surrender in any degree possible to-conditions suggested were of such morrow. character as to preclude the possibility of leading to any result. Terms which might have been gladly accepted before the war, in order to avert it, are impossible after the war, with all the sacrifices it has entailed.'

General Roberts' Report. London, March 10 .- Following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch, re-

ceived by the war office today:
"Poplar Grove, March 10.—Two brigades of cavalry, with horse artillery and Kelly-Kenny's division, marched Building Trades Council. Nearly all today 10 miles eastward. The Boers the unfinished buildings were heavily were taken by surprise yesterday. picketed by the unions, but beyond one They moved off so hurriedly that they or two attempts to persuade the nonleft cooked dinners behind them. We Decripping, of the Second Life Guards, both severely, and Lieutenant Smith, of foreman for the Link Belt Machinery the Shropshires, who is believed to Company, and H. K. McLain, super-have been picked up by Boer ambu-intendent of the same company, were

railroads toward both Stormberg and them. Tonight some one threw a club Leynsberg are being pushed. Clemat Walsh, striking him in the back of ents now occupies Norval's Point, on the head. He accused Schindler, and the south bank of the Orange river, when the latter denied it a fight fol-

Many Have Smallpox. Jackson, Miss., March 10 .- An official report made to the Hinds county board of supervisors reveals an appall ing state of affairs in the Jonesville neighborhood, in the southern part of the county. The community is literally honeycombed with smallpox of the most virulent form, and during the past six weeks nearly 100 deaths have occurred. On some days the death rate has been so large that it was impossible to secure coffins, and rude caskets were made from rails. Whole families were wiped out of existence and of several large families only one or two children are left.

Many of the patients who are now in a critical condition are without medical attention, and are dying at the rate of from three to five a day. The death rate exceeds 75 per ceent, and the entire lower portion of the county is de-moralized. The board of supervisors will make an effort to check further spread.

Bordeaux, March 10 .- Late yesterday evening students and others issuing from a pro-Boer meeting marched to in convention at Washington, adopted the British consulate, battered down resolutions seeking congressional action to provide penalties for adulteration. stones, and then proceeded to the consul's private residence, where they in dulged in similar demonstrations. The police dispersed the mob and arrested several leaders. The prefect of the Gironde, the mayor of Bordeaux and the commissary of police called on the Dr. Nansen, the explorer, questioned consul today and expressed regret at

Ottawa, March 10.-Minister Borden eceived tonight from the war office a cable accepting 100 men to recruit the First Canadian contingent to its full trength. They will leave with the Strathcona Horse.

Eight-Club Circuit. New York, March 10,-The National Baseball League for the season of 1900 will have an eight-club circuit. announcement was made at the Fifth Avenue hotel at 11:30 o'clock tonight, when the league meeting adjourned. Prof. W. G. Sumner told his class at A verbal agreement was reached to-Yale that 90 per cent of all marriages night, and tomorrow the agreement will be formally executed. The retiring clubs are Washington, Baltimore, Endeavor Society of the church, and Louisville and Cleveland. Each club the assemblage was in the midst of the will receive a money consideration for

SITUATION AT MAFEKING. Perrible Plight of the Besleged, but N

Mafeking, Feb. 21.-What may be syphoid fever has broken out in the womens' langer, and dysentery, due to the absence of vegetables, is rife among the garrison. We are thrown upon our own resources. Such luxuries as we had are exhausted, or have been commandeered for the hospitals, which are filled to overflowing. The children's graveyard, close to the women's laager, grows weekly as the young lives are cut short prematurely by shells and

We look with hope deferred for relief. The cheerfulness which was characteristic of the early days of the siege has almost deserted us, the men preferring repulsed General French's caviary with to remain at their posts, rather than move about and work up an appetite, of the capture of prisoners, the enemy | which cannot be satisfied. The natives probably got away with their entire are in the worst plight. Those who are unable to obtain work are allowed a small handful of meat daily. Many, braving the danger, wander about the town with gaunt and hungry faces in earch of work which entitles them to an extra ration of meat. If they find work they are generally too weak to

perform it.

From their advance posts the Boers rake the streets and the market square. t is impossible to dodge their bullets. We have taken remarkable precaution, however, and the casualties, though neavy, are not what they might have een with less able men at the head of

affairs. Even the headquarters' mess fares cantily. Like saints under the altar, we cry, "How long. O Lord, how we cry,

Two hundred and ninety-two persons have been killed, wounded, or dead of disease. The garrison is so small that it would be criminal to make its weakness public, but there is never so much as a whisper or suggestion of the possibility of surrender, be cause we do not mean to get beaten,

GUARDED BY POLICE.

onunion Workmen Employed on Chi-cago Buildings.

Chicago, March 10 .- Under police guard, over 300 nonunion workmen were today given work by contractors engaged in erecting various down-town buildings. This was the first serious attempt on the part of the contractors to resume the work interrupted by the strike of the unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council. Nearly all union men not to go to work, no at-

captured a Krupp gun and several tents and wagons. The total casualties Labor troubles culminated in a riot were: Killed, Lieutenants Keswick at Thirty-sixth and Wallace streets this and Frieslick; wounded, Lieutenants evening. William Schindler was shot Bailey, of the Twelfth Lancers, and and probably fatally wounded, and six Joseph Walsh, lance. Two men were killed, 46 wounded, and one man is missing.

attacked by strikers. For some time the strikers have followed Walsh and 'Gatacre reports he intends occupy- McLain every night when they left the and have threatened to kill The bridge was blown up March 6, and lowed. A crowd of strikers gathered has been adopted for our territories, ing. the enemy was time after time the enemy is holding the north bank of around and Walsh, believing his life the river, but not, it is believed, in was in danger, shot Schindler in the any great strength."

was in danger, shot Schindler in the breast. A general fight followed the along without trouble or friction. were killed or wounded, and the enemy shooting of Schindler, and strikers to the number of 40 made an attack upon Walsh and McLain, and four others who were with them. Although badly

Senate Takes It Up. Washington, March 10 .- Formal dis cussion of the Puerto Rican tariff and civil government bill began in the senate today, and continued uninterrupted ly for 436 hours. The principal speak ers were Foraker, in charge of the measure, and Pettus, but at various times during the debate lively colloquies occurred, in which other senators were participants. After Mason had entered his motion to discharge the committee on foreign relations from further consideration of a resolution expressing sympathy for the Boers and it had gone over until tomorrow under the rules, Pettus delivered a carefully prepared speech in opposition to the floor during the remainder of the session, speaking in defense of the bill.

Philadelphia, March 9.-Fire entailing an estimated loss of over \$700,000 occurred early today in the retail dry goods district. The conflagration originated in the engine room of Shoneman Brothers' dry goods and millinery store, at Eighth and Arch streets. The principal losers are: Shoneman Bros. dry goods store, four-story building, to-tal loss, \$300,000; Marks Bros., dry goods store, a five-story building, completely gutted, estimated loss, \$300,

were more or less seriously damaged.

Company, estimated loss. \$200,000.

Chicago Church Destroyed. Chicago, March 10 .- The Second Presbyterian church, at Twentieth street and Michigan avenue, was destroyed by fire tonight. The building was the home of one of the most aristocratic congregations in the city. A reception was being given in the church parlors by the Young People's Christian festivities when the blaze was discov-

ATTACK UPON APARRI

Filipinos Assaulted the Town, but Were Driven Back.

MORE TROOPS NEEDED UP NORTH

Rebels in the Southern Peninsula Scat tered Into Small Bands-Magsacre at Calabangs.

Manila, March 12,-Generals Young and Hood are asking for reinforcements. and a battalion of the Forty-eighth has been sent to Aparri. Other troops will The rebels recently persistently at-

the natives. It is believed that the insurgent generals, Tinto and Florhes, have been M. Sardou, the playwright, arrived on driven by Young into Hood's territory. the scene about 1 o'clock, and burst The fact that Young is unable, owing to lack of troops, to maintain garrisons in all the towns occupied has had a lapsed at 2:30 P. M. to lack of troops, to maintain garrisons in all the towns occupied has had a

bad effect on the natives. General Bates has returned here afpedition lost seven men killed and 10 among the theaters of France. wounded. On entering New Caceres, Bates learned that 2,000 insurgents had departed the same day. The Antericals immediately sent out three pursu-World," which adorned the foyer, and ing columns, encountering the enemy a number of other mural tableaux and in three small engagements and killing works of art, together with a portion of

a total of 40 men. the mountains, under the leadership of has been burned by the enemy. Both provinces were thoroughly scouted.

Libmanan, including Abella, the pro- by being enveloped in a pile of matvincial governor and other officials, are returning to their homes. Abella has ssued a proclamation calling upon the natives to submit to the Americans.

The liberated priests from New Ca-ceres report that the insurgents killed 68 Chinamen and 40 Spaniards at the

town of Calabanga.
It is estimated that there are 100,-000 bales of hemp in the Camarines has no official tidings of the surrender provinces. Twelve hundred well armed insur- a fact, however painful, he adds:

gents, formerly of Cavite proivnce, with a Chinese colonel in command, surround the towns of Albay and Legaspi. They have effected three night attacks and continually harass the Forty-seventh regiment, which has lost eight men killed and 20 wounded in defending these towns. CONTROL OF PHILIPPINES.

General Wheeler Suggests a Territorial San Francisco, March 12.—General
Joseph Wheeler favors giving the Philippines a territorial form of govern- burghers in Natal have retried to Big-

certain kind of self-government. They could be given the power to make laws, en's Pass. Thus Ladysmith and Kimunder such a sytem of government as The municipal governments are all in driven back, so that our laagers were Under a territorial form, the islands lost heavily.

could be best controlled."

"In spite of all reports, the spirit of could be best controlled."

who were with them. Attaching to hold pounded up, they managed to hold their own, and beat off their assailants their own, and beat off their assailants their own, and beat off their assailants in efforts to secure a share of the mands all the commandos at the Modniti the arrival of the police. Walsh possibilities in the Orient as follows: wealth which will come to them by der river. The president started yescommercial relations with these peo-ple. The treaty of peace cast upon us visit the langers of the Free State.

the responsibility of sovereignty over from 9,000,000 to 11,000,000 people, together with the islands which they inhabit, containing an area three times that of our great and prosperous Empire "Very naturally, there may be honest differences of opinion as to whether

everything has been conducted during the two years in accordance with the highest wisdom and best possible judgment, but there should be no question mong the American people as to the introduction of the American people as to the clerks, directed to the assistant treasdetermined effort to take the situation urers of the United States. He came determined effort to take the situation as it stands, and so conduct the affairs of our country as to add the most to its of our country as to add the most to its glory, honor, welfare and prosperity, It is a friendly struggle for commercial supremacy in which our rival nations are using their best efforts, and I say, let us, in a friendly but determined blew up today and four persons were jured. The victims were at work in

Chicago, March 12.—Efforts of con-tractors today to place nonunion men sons killed were badly mangled, and at work on buildings in various parts some of them blown to pieces. of the city, work on which has been interrupted by the strike, resulted in several encounters between union and nonunion men. At the new Ogdensburg Republican from Albuquerque, N. M., dock, Ohio and Kingsbury streets, the says: Samuel Sandoval, a young contractors succeeded in getting eight perado, was killed and several citizens men through the picket lines of the wounded at the battle at Atarique, 000; Myerhoff Bros., manufacturers of women's and children's clothing, and union workmen and put them to work. which followed an attempt to arrest the Philadelphia Electric Equipment A few bricks were thrown, but no one Sandoval and Juan Mestas, who had was hurt, and the police quickly sup- been shooting up the town. Mestas Several smaller buildings adjoining pressed the disorder.

Big Fire at Lead. ered in the organ on the main floor. flames in any other way.

THEATER FRANCAIS BURNS.

Destruction of a Famous Paris Play

Paris, March 12 .- The famous The ater Français has been destroyed by fire. The fire broke out about noon, but was not discovered immediately, and the theater was burning furiously fore the fire brigade got to work. Even then the appliances were quite inade-quate to cope with the conflagration, and by 1:30 P. M. the entire building was a roaring furnace. The dense column of smoke arising from the fire attracted crowds from all parts of Paris, the Theater Francais being regarded as a national institution. The theater, which is the home of the Comedie Francais, was only reopened a fortnight ago, after having been renovated for the exposition throngs expected to visit Paris

during the year.

A rehearsal of a comedy which was tacked Aparri for several hours, but billed for the matinee had just con-were finally driven away. Details of cluded when the fire broke out. Inthe affair are lacking.

The rebels are holding reunions in and Mademoiselle Henryot, were still the provuce of North Ilocos and the on the stage when an electric wire red Katapunan cross, symbolic of resistence, is again appearing among ery, the whole stage was soon in flames. Madame Dudlay had to be rescued in costume and let down from a window. the scene about 1 o'clock, and burnt

The Theater Francais, or Comedie Francais, was situated on the Place du ter leaving garrisons in the provinces of Theater-Français, near the Palais North and South Camarines. The ex- Royal, and occupied the bighest rank

The magnificient ceiling, bearing the invaluable library of .nanuscript, The Spanish prisoners report that the perished in the flames. Practically all aing front of 12 miles on very difficult the sculpture, however, was saved and ground. The British were advancing General Legaspi. The town of Iriga which faces the site of the theater on to the southward, occupied Petersburg, the Rue de Rivoli. The priceless statute of Voltaire, by Houden, one of after following the river bank, moved The inhabitants of the district of the chief beauties of the foyer, escaped in the direction of Abraham's Kraal.

WILL FIGHT TO THE END.

ecretary Beltz Says the Burghers Ar Not Discouraged. Pretoria, March 12.-Secretary of State Reitz has issued war bulletins, in which, after saying the government of General Cronje, he must accept it as

"The government remains assured that the surrender will not discourage the burghers in the defense of their independence and standing as a nation. The struggle thus far has shown that the republics have vindicated them-selves as an independent people. This reverse will not stagger us. In the struggle for our cherished rights, our belief remains that, whatever happens, the Lord still reigns. Owing to the invasion of the Free State by a large gersberg. All the commandes have "I believe the people are ready for a reached there in safety, except a few berley are no more besieged. In retir-

He reviews his impressions of trade the fighting men as to the outcome remains unchanged. Among the

> Disbursing Clerk Arrested. Washington, March 12 .- Chief Wilkie, of the treasury secret service, was notified today of the arrest in Philadelphia, of Edward E. Grimmell, formerly a civilian clerk in the disbursing office D. H. Hall, in San Francisco. Chief Wilkie states that on December 23 Grimmell decamped with a clerk book containing 400 checks of the regulation amount approximating \$10,000.

Pompton, N. J., March 12.—The Smith fuse manufactory, at this place, killed and a number more or less in-

Denver, March 12 .- A special to the

the factory with about 30 other men

was captured. Debs and Harriman Lead, S. D., March 10 .- Fire this Indianapolis, March 12 .- For presi morning destroyed 40 buildings. The dent, Eugene V. Debs, of Indiana; for Deadwood fire department was called vice-president, Job Harriman, of Calion for assistance, and responded. In fornia. This is the national ticket of addition to the combined fire depart- the Social Democratic party, which ments, it was found necessary to blow will absorb the Hilquit-Harriman fac-up buildings in the path of the fire with tion of the Socialist Labor party by dynamite in order to stop its spread, agreement. The Social Democrats were Owing to the high wind blowing, the happy today. They say the candidacy scarcity of water and the inflammable of Debs will attract hundreds of thounature of the buildings, the firemen sands of voters to their party. They were unable to do anything to stay the profess to see the beginning of a great national victory.

British Came Upon Them Un expectedly.

WERE LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES

Dutch Troops Withdrew in the Night, Leaving the Imperial Forces in Possession.

Driefontein, March 12.-Broadwood's cavalry brigade, advancing on Bloemfontein, unexpectedly found the Boers in a strong position in the Drieontein kopjes yesterday. General Kelly-Kenny's division arriving, severe fighting ensued. The Boers resisted stubbornly, but were driven from their

senter position, leaving a number of lead and 40 prisoners. The British force is moving forward today. During the fighting, in which five regiments took part, with artillery, the Boers, though forced from their center position, clung tensciously to the other kopjes, shelling the British freely with three guns and two Vickers Maxims. The British cavalry began to turn the Boer position, but night fell before the novement was completed. The Boers

etired during the night. A large number of Australians were ingaged yesterday. The First Australian horse brigade, with the Scots Greys, idvanced within 800 yards of the Boers inder heavy fire. The New South Wales mounted infantry joined in the pursuit of the Boers northward.

Boars' Stubborn Rear Guard Action. All of yesterday was occupied in lighting. The Boers maintained a stubborn rear guard action along a runaing front of 12 miles on very difficult in the three columns. General Tucker,

At Driefontein, about eight miles south of Abraham's Kraal, the Boers were found poeted in considerable strength on the ridges connecting several kopjes, where they had mounted guns. The action began at 8 in the morning, with an artillery duel. General Porter's brigade supported the British guns. The Boer artillery was accurately handled, and the British cavalry found a task harder than they had expected. General Broadwood moved six miles southward trying to find a means to get around, but the Boers followed, behind rising ground, and even attempted to outflank

Meanwhile, the Sixth division of infantry, advancing on the Boer left, slowly forced the enemy to retire. Had the infantry been able to move faster, the Boers would have been enveloped. The last shot was fired at 7:30 P. This morning not a Boer was seen. prisoners belonged to President Kruger's

BOTH SIDES ARMED.

own commando.

Fighting Forces Confront Each Other in Kentucky. Frankfort, Ky., March 12,-The emocrats and Republicans are today, for the first time since the present political complications assumed acute form, divided into two armed and organized factions. Surrounding the capitol and the state executive building, and encamped in the grounds nearly 200 state militia, well provided with ammunition, while in the corridors of the Capitol hotel, in which the Democratic state executive offices are located, and in the street adjacent to that building, are 60 special officers and the men and boys of a militia company that was organized in Frankfort today as the nucleus of Governor Beckham's state gurad, besides scores more of heavily armed citizens, partisans of the Democratic claimant. It was stated today that an attempt was to be made by the state militia to take Gov-ernor Beckham into custody, and inside of an hour after the report was circulated, a petition had and signed by the requisite number of men necessary to form a militia company. The men will guard the Capitol hotel day and night against any possi-ble attempt to arrest Governor Beck-

Convict-Made Binding Twine. Kansas City, Mo., March 12 .- Implement men say trouble is about to re-sult because of the action of the board of control of the Kansas state penitentiary making binding twine. City makes about 7,000,000 pounds of twine a year, and the new factory at the state penitentiary is equipped to turn out about one-tenth of this amount This is enough to disturb the market. While regular dealers are asking retail merchants to pay them 111/2 cents per pound for their offerings, the Kansas penitentiary managers announce they will sell theirs direct to the farmer at 10 cents per pound, 1½ cents less than the retail dealers can buy it for.

Chicago, March 13 .- The Building Trades Council at its meeting today re fused to order a general sympathetic strike, at the request of the officers of the machinists' union.

Boston, March 12 .- Fire early this norning in the four-story building of the Massachusetts Macaroni Company, on North street, caused the death of one fireman, the probable fatal injury of another and the serious injury of two others, besides entailing a financia loss estimated at \$75,000 to \$150,000.

Three Fresh Cases in Sydney. Sydney, N. S. W., March 12.—Three fresh cases of bubonic plague in Sydney are officially reported today.