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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

General Joe Wheeler has arrived at San Francisco from Manila.

A resolution was introduced in congress asking for repeal of the tariff on

The British government has decided to retain Lord Pauncefote as ambassador 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 300 Mexi-

can 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

Lieutenant Edgar Koehler, of the Ninth infantry, was led into an am-

bush 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 Sar Salvador was recently nipped in the bud, and a confiscation by the government of \$50,000 belonging Dr. Jose

Alfarado, took place, who, it is reported, was to have led the revolt. Sir Charles Tupper, ex-premier of Canada, believes that the Alaska boundary and other disputed questions between 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 naldo is in China. It is my impression 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 be located. It is on all sailing charts, but at 11:30 A. M. on the date men tioned, the Grant sailed over the posi tion 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 dollars for a law library.

Cronje's men are now prisoners on board British warships.

Germany will admit American meat for fear of a tariff war.

The machinists of Philadelphia demand a nine-hour day.

Six people were burned to death in New York tenement-house fire.

The increase in American import 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

the city.

The transport Grant has arrived a San Francisco from Manila with 201

sick soldiers aboard. The British second-class cruiser Hemes is reported off Cat island, in

the Bahamas, in distress. President David Starr Jordan, Stanford University, in a speech at

Chicago, said that England would soon topple. 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 manufacturers in point of quality. The American Clay Manufacturing

Company, the \$10,000,000 consolidation of sewer-pipe manufacturers, will control 85 per cent of the industry.

Near Olympia, Wash., three children, 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 cluo of Puerte Rico has been organized by some Americap 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.

are unhappy. The usual output from 100 gold mines in the immediate vicinity of

TAKEN BY SURPRISE

The senate passed the diplomatic and onsular bill.

Queen Liliuokalani will receive no

General Joe Wheeler's resignation will be accepted on his arrival in Washington.

placed on the retired list on his own application. General Kobbe, with 2,500 men, has occupied the town of Sorsogon, in the

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 appropriatthe 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 tive building.

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

Indications are that the Boer war is drawing to an end. President Kruger has appealed to Lord Salisbury for a essation of hostilities.

Taxation of corporations in Paris has 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 Philadel-

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

General Joubert is now in supreme command of the Boers.

he is still in Luzon.'

ippines so far is \$50,000,000.

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,-

smith was due to a commander's mis-

Queen Liliuokalani \$250,000 from the The Puerto Rican tariff bill was de- any great strength." nounced from the pulpit by a Washing-

ton minister. Steps are being taken to organize a bank with \$25,000 capital at lone,

Morrow county, Or. Strikes and labor troubles of various

employment in Chicago. Civil war is imminent in China. One province is already in revolt over

the dethronement of the emperor. The senate has confirmed the appointment 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, Pennsylvania, father of the house of

representatives, is dead at Philadelphia, aged 75 years.

The United States government has ordered that the California "Mammoth Tree Grove," in Calaveras county, be bonded for park purposes.

The Pure Food and Drug congre 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 Avenue hotel at 11:30 o'clock tonight,

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

The largest real estate owner of all American institutions is the University Johannesburg is 15 tons of gold a of Texas, which holds over 2,000,000 month.

Boers Outwitted by Roberts' Movement.

Rear-Admiral McCormick has been MADE NO DETERMINED STAND

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

London, March 10.-The Boers appear to have made no stand whatever, repulsed General French's cavlary with rifle fire. As no report has been made of the capture of prisoners, the enemy which cannot be satisfied. The natives ed \$100,000 for the reconstruction of force. General French is still follow- are unable to obtain work are allowed a ing them and keeping between them

and Bloemfontein. The evacuation of the northern distriets of Cape Colony is now nearly complete. The British are in posses-

sion of the rialroad crossings. The military critics comment on the in complete control of the state execu-discouraging news from Mafeking. Colonel Baden-Powell seems to be in grave need of outside help. Otherwise It is impossible to dodge their bullets. 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 affairs. 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?' led to the transfer of many main offices under the immediate command of General Hunter, Sir George White's chiefof-staff.

The Daily News makes the following

"It was rumored in London yesterphia to the coast of Central America lieving 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 conditions suggested were of such morrow. character as to preclude the possibility of leading to any result. Terms which might have been gladly accepted be fore 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 today 10 miles eastward. The Boers were taken by surprise yesterday. They moved off so hurriedly that they left cooked dinners behind them. We captured a Krupp gun and several tents

The total cost of the war in the Phil- and Frieslick; wounded, Lieutenants evening. William Schindler was shot defending these towns. Bailey, of the Twelfth Lancers, and and probably fatally wounded, and six British casualties in the final relief Decrispigne, of the Second Life Guards, others were injured. 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

"Gatacre reports he intends occupying Burgersdorp today. Repairs to the shops, and railroads toward both Stormberg and them. Boers say that the retreat from Lady-

Many Have Smallpox Jackson, Miss., March 10 .- An official report made to the Hinds county board of supervisors reveals an appalling state of affairs in the Jonesville neighborhood, in the southern part of kinds have thrown 50,000 men out 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 demoralized. The board of supervisors will make an effort to check further spread.

Anti-British Riot in Bordeaux.

Bordeaux, March 10.-Late yesterday evening students and others issning from a pro-Boer meeting marched to in convention at Washington, adopted the British consulate, battered down resolutions seeking congressional action the doors, shattered the windows with 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

> Recruited to Full Strength. Ottawa, March 10.-Minister Borden received tonight from the war office a cable accepting 100 men to recruit the

> strength. 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 when the league meeting adjourned. will be formally executed. The retiring clubs are Washington, Baltimore, Louisville and Cleveland. Each club will receive a money consideration for

SITUATION AT MAFEKING.

ferrible Plight of the Besieged, but N

Mafeking, Feb. 21.-What may be typhoid fever has broken out in the womens' laager, and dysentery, due to the absence of vegetables, is rife among the garrison. We are threwn 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 fever. We look with hope deferred for

The cheerfulness which was characteristic of the early days of the siege has except that while in retreat they twice almost deserted us, the men preferring to remain at their posts, rather than move about and work up an appetite, probably got away with their entire are in the worst plight. Those who small handful of meat daily. Many, braving the danger, wander about the town with gaunt and hungry faces in search of work which entitles them to an extra ration of meat. If they find sistence, is again appearing among work they are generally too weak to perform it.

From their advance posts the Boers rake the streets and the market square. We have taken remarkable precaution, however, and the casualties, though heavy, are not what they might have been with less able men at the head of

Even the headquarters' mess fares scantily. Like saints under the altar, "How long. O Lord, how

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 in three small engagements and killing never so much as a whisper or sugges- a total of 40 men. day-and we have no reason for be- tion of the possibility of surrender, because we do not mean to get beaten, hardships of today rather than to make preceding day. Unfortunately, the a surrender in any degree possible to-

GUARDED BY POLICE.

ionunion Workmen Employed on Chicago 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 the unfinished buildings were heavily picketed by the unions, but beyond one or two attempts to persuade the nonunion men not to go to work, no attempt was made to interfere.

and wagons. The total casualties Labor troubles culminated in a riot were: Killed, Lieutenants Keswick at Thirty-sixth and Wallace streets this The total casualties Labor troubles culminated in a riot lance. Two men were killed, 46 wound- attacked by strikers. For some time the strikers have followed Walsh and McLain every night when they left the have threatened to kill Tonight some one threw a club Leynsberg are being pushed. Clem- at 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-The bridge was blown up March 6, and lowed. A crowd of strikers gathered 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 breast. A general fight followed the 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 pounded up, they managed to hold their own, and beat off their assailants

until the arrival of the police. Walsh was placed under arrest.

Senate Takes It Up. Washington, March 10 .- Formal disussion of the Puerto Rican tariff and civil government bill began in the sen ate today, and continued uninterruptedly for 4 1/2 hours. The principal speakers 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, Pettns delivered a carefully prepared speech in opposition to the pending bill. Foraker occupied the floor during the remainder of the session, speaking in defense of the bill.

Bad Fire in Philadelphia. 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 at work on buildings in various parts principal losers are: Shoneman Bros., of the city, work on which has been indry goods store, four-story building, to- terrupted by the strike, resulted in sevtal loss, \$300,000; Marks Bros., dry eral encounters between union and nongoods store, a five-story building, completely gutted, estimated loss, \$300, 00; Myerhoff Bros., manufacturers of nen's and children's clothing, and the Philadelphia Flectric Equipment First Canadian contingent to its full Company, estimated loss, \$200,000. A few bricks were thrown, but no one Sandoval and Juan Mestas, who had Several smaller buildings adjoining was hurt, and the police quickly sup- been shooting up the town. Mestas were more or less seriously damaged. pressed the disorder.

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 re-Endeavor Society of the church, and festivities when the blaze was discovered in the organ on the main floor. flames in any other way.

ATTACK UPON APARRI

Filipinos Assaulted the Town, but Were Driven Back.

Rebels in the Southern Peninsula Scattered Into Small Bands-Massacre at Calabanga.

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 follow. The rebels recently persistently at-

the affair are lacking.

The rebels are holding reunions in the proivnce of North Ilocos and the red Katapunan cross, symbolic of re-

the natives. It is believed that the insurgent generals, Tinto and Florhes, have been The fact that Young is unable, owing into tears when he saw the building

to lack of troops, to maintain garrisons

bad effect on the natives. General Bates has returned here after leaving garrisons in the provinces of North and South Camarines. The ex-Royal, and occupied the highest rank North and South Camarines. The ex-pedition lost seven men killed and 10 wounded. On entering New Caceres, province of South Camarines, General Bates learned that 2,000 insurgents had departed the same day. The Americans immediately sent out three pursuing columns, encountering the enemy

The Spanish prisoners report that the enemy was divided into small bands in the mountains, under the leadership of General Legaspi. The town of Iriga has been burned by the enemy. Both

provinces were thoroughly scouted. The inhabitants of the district of 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-

68 Chinamen and 40 Spaniards at the town of Calabanga. It is estimated that there are 100,-

provinces. Twelve hundred well armed insur- a fact, however painful, he adds: gents, formerly of Cavite proivnce, with a Chinese colonel in command, that the surrender will not discourage find a means to get around, but the surround the towns of Albay and Le- the burghers in the defense of their in- Boers followed, behind rising ground,

CONTROL OF PHILIPPINES.

San Francisco, March 12.—General

ippines a territorial form of governent. Said he:

could be best controlled." He reviews his impressions of trade the fighting men as to the outco possibilities in the Orient as follows: in efforts to secure a share of the mands all the commandos at the Modcommercial relations with these peo- terday evening for Bloemfontein, ple. The treaty of peace cast upon us visit the laagers of the Free State." the responsibility of sovereignty over from 9,000,000 to 11,000,000 people, together with the islands which they

"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 among the American people as to the duty and wisdom of now uniting in a determined effort to take the situation as it stands, and so conduct the affairs 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 spirit, use our best efforts also."

Labor Disorders in Chicago. Chicago, March 12 .- Efforts of contractors today to place nonunion men union men. At the new Ogdensburg Republican from Albuquerque, N. M. dock, Ohio and Kingsbury streets, the says: Samuel Sandoval, a young desmen through the picket lines of the wounded at the battle at Atarique. union workmen and put them to work, which followed an attempt to arres

Lead, S. D., March 10 .- Fire this

THEATER FRANCAIS BURNS. Destruction of a Famous Paris Play-

Paris, March 12 .- The famous The ater Français has been destroyed by ffre The fire broke out about noon, but was not discovered immediately, and the theater was burning furiously before the fire brigade got to work. Even MORE TROOPS NEEDED UP NORTH then the appliances were quite inadequate 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 Peancais being regarded as a national institution. The theater.

which is the home of the Comedie Fran-

cais, was only reopened a fortnight ago,

after having been renovated for the ex-

position 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 conwere finally driven away. Details of cluded when the fire broke out. deed, two actresses, Madame Dudlay and Mademoiselle Henryot, were still on the stage when an electric wire fused, and, a spark catching the scenery, the whole stage was soon in flames. Madame Dudlay had to be rescued in costume and let down from a window M. Sardou, the playwright, arrived on driven by Young into Hood's territory. the scene about 1 o'clock, and burst

was doomed. A part of the dome colin all the towns occupied has had a lapsed at 2:30 P. M. The Theater Francais, or Comedic Francais, was situated on the Place du

among the theaters of France. The magnificient ceiling, bearing the allegorical painting by Mazerolle, the ceiling painting by De Beuff, the younger, of "Truth Enlightening the World," which adorned the foyer, and a number of other mural tableaux and works of art, together with a portion o the invaluable library of manuscript, perished in the flames. Practically all the sculpture, however, was saved and removed to the ministry of finance, which faces the site of the theater on the Rue de Rivoli. The priceless statute of Voltaire, by Houden, one of the chief beauties of the foyer, escaped

WILL FIGHT TO THE END.

Secretary Reitz Says the Burghers Are Not Discouraged. ceres report that the insurgents killed Pretoria, March 12.-Secretary of State Reitz has issued war bulletins. in which, after saying the government 000 bales of hemp in the Camarines has no official tidings of the surrender of General Cronje, he must accept it as

"The government remains assured

gaspi. They have effected three night dependence and standing as a nation. attacks and continually harass the The struggle thus far has shown that Forty-seventh regiment, which has lost the republics have vindicated themeight men killed and 20 wounded in selves as an independent people. This slowly forced the enemy to retire. Had In the the infantry been able to move faster, 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 General Wheeler Suggests a Territorial Invasion of the Free State by a large number of the enemy, and other circumstances, it became necessary to Joseph Wheeler favors giving the Phil- take up other positions, hence the burghers in Natal have retried to Biggersberg. All the commandos have "I believe the people are ready for a reached there in safety, except a few certain kind of self-government. They who retired in the direction Van Reencould be given the power to make laws, en's Pass. Thus Ladysmith and Kim under such a sytem of government as berley are no more besieged. In retirhas been adopted for our territories. ing, the enemy was time after time The municipal governments are all in driven back, so that our laagers were the hands of the natives, and they get not cut off. In these fights a few men along without trouble or friction, were killed or wounded, and the energy

Under a territorial form, the islands lost heavily. "In spite of all reports, the spirit of mains unchanged. Among the com-"England, Russia, Germany and mandos in Natal the burghers are full France have braved war and pestilence of courage. General Dewet now comwealth which will come to them by der river. The president started yes-

Washington, March 12.-Chief Wilthat of our great and prosperous Empire notified today of the arrest in Philadelinhabit, containing an area three times phia, of Edward E. Grimmell, formerly a civilian cler's in the disbursing offic of the medical department under Major D. H. Hall, in San Francisco. Chief Wilkie states that on December 23 containing 400 checks of the regulation engraved kind used by the disbursing clerks, directed to the assistant treasurers of the United States. He came east and south and in January drew checks made payable to him to an amount approximating \$10,000.

> Pompton, N. J., March 12 .- The Smith fuse manufactory, at this place, blew up today and four persons were killed and a number more or less in jured. The victims were at work in the factory with about 30 other men turn out about one-tenth of this amount. and girls. The bodies of the four persons killed were badly mangled, and some of them blown to pieces. Denver, March 12 .- A special to th

Fuse Factory Blew Up.

contractors succeeded in getting eight perado, was killed and several citizens was captured. Indianapolis, March 12.-For presi-

norning 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 facup buildings in the path of the fire with tion of the Socialist Labor party by ception was being given in the church dynamite in order to stop its spread, agreement. The Social De nocrats were parlors by the Young People's Christian 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 thouthe assemblage was in the midst of the nature 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

British Came Upon Them Un expectedly.

WERE LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES

The Dutch Troops Withdrew in the Night, Leaving the Imperial Forces in Possessio

Driefontein, March 12.-Broadwood's cavalry brigade, advancing on Bloemfontein, unexpectedly found the Boers in a strong position in the Drieontein kopies vesterday. General Kelly-Kenny's division arriving, severe ighting ensued. The Boers resisted stubbornly, but were driven from their center position, leaving a number of dead and 40 prisoners.

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 tenaciously 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 engaged yesterday. The First Australan horse brigade, with the Scots Greys, idvanced within 800 yards of the Boers ander heavy fire. The New South Wales mounted infantry joined in the oursuit of the Boers northward.

Boers' Stubborn Rear Guard Action.

All of yesterday was occupied in ighting. The Boers maintained a stubborn rear guard action along a runaing front of 12 miles on very difficult ground. The British were advancing in the three columns. General Tucker, to the southward, occupied Petersburg, anopposed. General Kelly-Kenny, after following the river bank, moved in the direction of Abraham's Kraal. At Driefontein, about eight miles south of Abraham's Kraal, the Boers were found posted 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 and even attempted to outflank him.

prisoners belonged to President Kruger's own commando.

Meanwhile, the Sixth division of in-

fantry, advancing on the Boer left,

the Boers would have been enveloped.

This morning not a Boer was seen. The

BOTH SIDES ARMED.

Fighting Forces Confront Each Other Frankfort, Ky., March 12.-The Democrats and Republicans are today, for the first time since the present polititeal complications assumed acute form, divided into two armed and organized factions. Surrounding the capitol and the state executive building, and encamped in the grounds around Governor Taylor's home, are nearly 200 state militia, well provided with ammunition, while in the dors 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 kie, of the treasury secret service, was the Democratic claimant. It was stated today that an attempt was to be made by the state militia to take Governor Beckham into custody, and inside of an hour after the report was circulated, a petition had been circulated and signed by the requisite number of Grimmell decamped with a clerk book men necessary to form a militia company. The men will guard the Capitol hotel day and night against any possi-

> Convict-Made Binding Twine. Kansas City, Mo., March 12 .- Implement men say trouble is about to result because of the action of the board of control of the Kansas state penitentiary making binding twine. Kansas City makes about 7,000,000 pounds of twine a year, and the new factory at the state penitentiary is equipped to 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, 11/2 cents less than the retail dealers can buy it for.

ble attempt to arrest Governor

Chicago, March 12 .- The Building Trades Council at its meeting today refused to order a general sympathetic strike, at the request of the officers of the machinists' union.

Boston, March 12 .- Fire early this orning in the four-story building of the Massachusetts Macaroni Comp 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 fit oss 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.