LATER NEWS.

self as a candidate for president.

Genreal French has given up his

Boston is agitating the question of

The United States building at the

Paris exposition will be closed on Sun-

Queen Victoria landed at Dublin,

Admiral Dewey's collection of curios

and trophies, at his request, will be

building and Commissioner Peck has

The Vanderbilts and Morgans now

will give them absolute control of the

Forty-four young men of Thurston,

Or, have petitioned the military board

for the organization of a company of

The Prince of Wales was shot at in

Brussels, while on his way to Copen-

hagen to attend the celebration of King

Christian's birthday. He was not hurt.

the Democratic National convention

burned to the ground, entailing a loss

men blew up two bridges and burned

two toll houses on the Logansport and

high tell and the alleged bad condition

Michael J. Dady, the Brooklyn con-

city government of Havana a \$12,000,

000 contract for sewering and paving.

plans for the construction of sewers and

the paving of the city of Havana are

W. J. Bryan addressed 10,000 people

War tax will not be reduced at this

The Puerto Rican bill passed the

The public debt decreased \$6,000,000

A bill was passed to throw open

The journeymen plumbers of Indian

Aguinaldo is in Singapore. Singa-

pore papers mention the fact and pub-

The plasterers of Minneapolis have

been locked out, pending the settle-

Pearl harbor, in the Hawaiian islands

will be improved and fortified and

Mexico's army convicts will be

abolished by the new secretary of war.

Volunteer service is to be encouraged.

an urgent request to congress for an

The casualties in the Philippine was

The marine hospital service has sent

lish short interviews with him.

ment of their dispute as to hours.

made available for naval purposes.

Idaho and Oklahoma Indian lands.

disapproved and rejected.

the sale of rights.

at Tacoma, Wash.

session of congress.

the United States.

senate by a vote of 40 to 31.

during the month of March.

the National Guard at that place.

protested against it.

coal supply of America.

placed in the Smithsonian Institute.

prohibition of ringing church bells.

aldermen in Chicago.

Received a Majority of Nine

in the Senate.

Final Vote on the Bill Was Ferty to

Thirty-One-The Closing

Speeches.

committee amendments were adopted.

Today the galleries were crowded,

and hundreds of people filled the corri-

kept in a state of constant excitement.

Mason's speech was argumentative, elo-

quent and amusing by turns, and, as it

covered the entire range of the coun-

try's duties and responsibilities to what

the Illinois senator sarcastically termed

"our in-suh-lar possessions," it was

BATES IN MINDANAO.

Peaceful Occupation of Five Northern

Cities.

Manila, April 5 .- General John C.

very interesting to his hearers.

prevented resistance at Cagayan.

iards, Chinamen and natives have been

Losses in the Philippines.

has cabled to the war department, prob-

ably with a view of correcting erron-

eous impressions that exists in this

country as to the state of the insurrec-

tion in the Philippines, a summary of

the rise of development of the cam-

paign since the first of the calendar

year. His figures go far toward offset-

ting the belief that exists in some quar-

methods of warfare, the insurgents

have inflicted more substantial losses

upon the American armies in compari-

son with the punishment which they

A significant sentence in the report

differentiates insurgents and ladrones.

showing that Otis has taken cognizance

of the fact that a considerable number

of hostiles are not soldiers under the

rules of war and may not expect the

'Since January 1, 124 skirmishes in

dated Manila, April 5, is as follows:

killed, 13 officers and 151 men wound-

killed and left on the field, 1,426; cap-

arms secured, 3,051; pieces of artillery,

165; large captures of other insurgent

officers are surrendering and the situa-

tion is gradually becoming more pa-

San Juan de Puerto Rico, Apri! 5.

A crowd of about 500 persons gathered

vesterday at a pier under construction

York, intimidated the native carpen-

work. The present rate of wages is

hour day. At noon today a mob of

over 10,000 people assembled and at-

tacked the St. Thomas laborers. There

were 150 policemen on duty but they

made no attempt to disperse the crowd

and a company of infantry was called

out to preserve order. The pier is now

A Plumbers' Strike.

Australian Drought Broken.

Melbourne, April 5,-Good rains

have fallen in most of the districts of

Victoria and New South Wales, and

more favorable than it has been for

Dubuque, Ia. April 5 .- Judge Shiras,

of the federal court, has rendered an

the E. B. Jenks Company, of New

'A number of important insurgent

OTIS."

have themselves received.

ters that since the addition of guerrilla

Washington, April 5 .- General Otis

islands of Mindanao

# EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic returned to New York. News of the World.

TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES chase after the retreating Boers.

An Interesting Collection of Items Fron the Two Hemispheres Presented to a Condensed Form.

Republicans elected their entire ticket

at Cincinnati. Democrats made several striking

gains in Michigan. Plumbers of Cleveland are on a strike increase of drunkenpess.

William J. Bryan spoke to a crowd of

18,000 people at Seattle. Fire at Newport, Ark., destroyed

property to the amount of \$500,000. Roberts' communication with Kimberley has been cut off by the Boers.

No Puerto Rican franchises will be granted until government is estab

Two small boys of Astoria, Or., were drowned in the Columbia while out in a small boat.

Boers captured seven guns and 350 men in an engagement 17 miles from Bloemfontein.

Painters and carpenters of St. Louis are on a strike, pending adjustment of

their demand for higher wages. Beri-beri, small-pox and bubonic plague are prevalent at Manila, estab-

lishing a death rate of over 40 per 1,000. Webster Davis, assistant secretary of of \$350,000. the interior, has resigned to go on the lecture platform in the interest of the

Governor Roosevelt, of New York Burlington pike at midnight. The has signed the bill repealing the florton road is the only pike in the county, boxing law. It will go into effect and protests have been directed against

There is a general desire among all classes in the Philippines for a speedy establishment of some form of perman- tractor who obtained from the Spanish Joe Pete, an Indian, under sentence

of death for murder at Carson, Nev., has received a letter from Governorhas escaped from custody. He was to General Wood, informing him that his have been hanged May 4.

Diamonds, jewelry and money to the value of \$16,000 was stolen from a Philadelphia residence, and suspicion rests on the coachman, who is missing.

A British steam launch was captured by pirates near the Check Heung Shan and the launch and lighter, which it

In a severe engagement near Bolivar, enezuela, General Hernandez was deeated by General Penalosa, commanding the government troops. The revoutionists jost 223 killed

Because he was suspected of being a spy of a rival company, Choy Fook, a hinese fisherman at Point San Pedro, al., was tied by five members of the various companies to a beacon stake on a barren rock in Richardson's bay. and there left for two days without food or water. When discovered he was almost in a dying condition. His would be murderers have not yet been

An underground railroad is to be constructed in Berlin, at a cost of \$25,-

The government is taking vigorous measures to suppress outlawry in the Until the tariff question is settled.

business in Puerto Rico will remain The double turrets of the new battle

ship Kearsarge have been tested and roven a success. Ex-United States Senator Gibson, of

Maryland, died of heart disease at Washington, D. C. General Louis Botha has been ap-

pointed to succeed General Joubert in mmand of the Boer army. The 57th annual boat race between

appropriation of \$500,000 to fight Cambridge and Oxford resulted in an plague in various seaport towns. asy victory for Cambridge. Senator McBride introduced a bill

penitentiary.

re outfit was captured.

since January 1, have been: reating a Crater Lake National park, cans, 88 killed, 163 wounded; insurat Crater lake, Southern Oregon. gents, 1,426 killed; 1,453 captured. Seattle printers have raised the price

Wermont, owns a pri-

It is fitted with lux-

rk Contral Railroad,

Great preparations for war are going job work 30 to 50 per cent, caused on in Russia. All messages in regard by the increased cost of stock and high Russia is active. Military preparations in several directions are being

The Illinois Brick Company, of Chiushed with vigor. War with Japan is cago, the brick combine of that city, has filed with the secretary of state a John Hayslip, of Kansas City, has certificate of increase of capital stock en found guilty of murder in the secfrom \$10,000 to \$9,000,000.

and degree and sentenced to 90 years in The party of scientists under Professor A. Agassiz, who left San Fran-Robert Bradley, ailas Barclay, has cisco several months ago on an expedien arrested in San Francisco, for This scientific expedition went first to tion to the South Seas, has returned. anterfeiting silver dollars. An enthe Pomotos, exploring the northern part of those islands, a region never bewal persons perished by being fore examined by scientists. After igniting of petroleum refitting the vessel at Tahiti, the reby a collision between Vladivkokos, Caucasus. mainder of the Society islands, as well as the Cook, Savage and the islands of the Tonga group were explored. mines in Indiana have ations, due to the faiture After refitting at Suya, the Ellice, to sign a wage contract Gilbert and Marshall islands were ex-About 9,000 men are idle plored and the island of Guam was

> A national congress of mothers is to be held at Des Moines, Ia., May 21-25. The department of agriculture will plant 100,000 rubber trees in the Ha-

> aiian islands. At Lady Lansdowne's concert in ondon, Mme. Patti is said to have

worn diamonds worth over \$1,000,000. Gen. John J. Elwell, a hero of the civil war, died at Cleveland, O. His saws the snug salary military service extended from 1861 to

## TRESTLE GAVE WAY The Republicans elected 19 out of 3

The Nicaragua canal commission has Freight Train Wrecked on Admiral Dewey has announced him-Spokane and Northern.

CARS AND CONTENTS BURNED

A Rotten Bridge Caused the Accident -The Head Brakeman Was Severely Injured.

Ireland, her first visit to the island in Springdale, Wash., April 4 .- At an early hour this morning, the north bound freight train on the Spokane & A temperance movement has been Northern, consisting of an engine and inaugurated in Mexico, owing to the 31 cars, loaded with general freight, went through the trestle at Sheep creek, half a mile north of Springdale. Charles Donlap, head brakeman, was severely injured, two tibs being broken. The Turkish tower at the Paris exposition rest of the train crew escaped with a few bruises. Four tramps were stealobstructs the view of the United States ing a ride, but none was severely hurt. The rotten condition of the trestle is said to have been the cause of the accident. The trestle is 350 feet long and have plans almost perfected which 40 feet high.

The engine and one car had reached the northern approach, when, without warning, the big trestle gave way, carrying 20 cars to the gulch below. The caboose and eight cars remained on the southern approach. Not a timber of the trestle was left in place. Brakeman Dunlap jumped on the lower side, and rolled down the bank. The rest of the train crew jumped on the upper side, and were not hurt. The four The mammoth auditorium in which tramps went down with the cars, but miraculously escaped with a general was to have been held on July 4, was shaking up. As soon as the cars reached the bottom they caught fire. All the cars were burned with their con-At Logansport, Ind., 150 masked tents.

### DISASTER TO CONVOY. British Guns and Prisoners Not Yet

Retaken. London, April 4.—The latest news from the front adds little to the public knowledge of the convoy disaster. No credence is given to reports that the Boers numbered between 8,000 and 10,-000 men. The general belief is that there could not have been more than half that number, but the mere fact that even so many as half could have been collected so near headquarters without the knowledge of the British commanders provokes much uneasy criticism.

The newly organized American The disaster is regarded as a direct Match Machine Company, a New Jer- result of the inability of General French supported by great steel girders. Its sey corporation, is about to enter into to cut off the commandoes of General competition with the Diamond Match Olivier and the other commandoes when escaping from the Orange river. Company, known as the match trust. Lord Roberts' own dispatch, dated The new company does not intend to

two hours later than the Daily Chroniconfine its attention to the trade of the cle's, says nothing about the guns United States, but will make a vigorbeing recaptured. The story, therefore, ous fight for European trade, through

Little news has arrived from other points. Kenhardt was formally reoccupied Saturday. The report that the Boers are massing in the vicinity of Taungs and Klipdam is confirmed Lord Methuen's difficulties are apparently increasing. He has Boer laagers or guerrilla bands on three sides of that the officer is to be relieved solely him, and he will be obliged to watch carefully his communication with

## PUERTO RICAN FRANCHISES.

apolis have struck, demanding an in-None Will Re Granted Until Government Is Established. New York, April 4 .- A special to the The legislative council of Trinidad Herald from Washington says: has ratified the reciprocity treaty with

Secretary Root has issued an order revoking the license granted to Ramon Valdes for the use of the water of the river La Plata, of Puerto Rico, to create electric power for a railroad. He has months immediately prior to my apalso announced the department will grant no franchises or licenses in the island until the establishment of civil government there. Tracey, Boardman & Platt, of New York, represented by for domestic reasons, I respectfully re-A. L. Arpin and William D. Noble who applied for the revocation of the concession and who, it is said, are en-

leavoring to acquire it for persons for whom they are acting as agents. The Drexels and other business interests of Philadelphia have vigrously fought the attempts of the New York firms.

Secretary Root's decision, however, not only deprives Mr. Valdes of his license, but prevents Tracey, Boardman & Platt's clients or any other person from obtaining its issuance in their favor. It is learned that this action was taken in accordance with a recommendation of Brigadier-General Davis, govto movements of troops are censored ernor-general of the island, who has and all officers are denied leaves of made an extensive investigation. The issuance of the license to Valdes last summer was made when Secretary Root received an opinion from Charles E. Magoon, solicitor of the division of customs and insular affairs, whose wonderful reversal of ideas on the statutes of the new American dependencies has surprised congress.

The files of the insular division contain numerous applications for concessions or licenses, some from prominent people in the United States and others from natives of Puerto Rico.

Chicago Machinists at Work. Chicag, April 4 .- About half of the 5,500 striking machinists resumed work this morning. Manufacturers said the differences had been settled or put on a basis to be arbitrated, and that the remainder of the strikers would day or two. The men have been granted a nine-hour day, with 10 hours' pay. The strike has cost the men \$500,000

Promoter Miller on Trial. New York, April 4 .- William F

## CONVENTION HALL BURNED. Kansas City's Auditorium Laid in

Kansas City, April 6 .- Convention hall, Kansas City's pride, wherein the Democratic National convention was to have been held July 4, was laid in ruins in less than 30 minutes' time this afternoon from fire that started from an unkown source at 1 o'clock. The fire burned with such fury that it was evident almost from the start that the structure was doomed, and the firemen soon turned their attention to saving surrounding property. A stiff breeze was blowing and before the fire was subdued the Second Presbyterian church, one of the finest edifices in the city, the church parsonage, the Lathrop notable day in the senate. It brought lef: arm. Both men were disabled. public school, a two-story building, all to a close the sharpest and most pro- The wounded officers held the outlaws situated across the way on Central longed debate upon any measure since street, and a half block of three-story those discussed during the memorial times. A continuous firing was kept up flat buildings on Twelfth street were "war congress" two years ago. At 4 rendered total losses. Several resi- o'clock this afternoon the votes were

gregate loss is \$400,000. Plans are on foot to rebuild Convey tion hall immediately and make ready for the convention in July. While the fire was still in progress, members of the Commercial Club. through whose efforts the hall was conceived and built, mingled in the crowds fact, the interest in the measure, both of spectators and began soliciting funds of senators and the public, has not flagfor a new structure. The hall associa- ged an instant. tion has \$10,000 in the bank, and will have the \$155,000 insurance for immediate use, the insurance companies hav. dors, unable even to secure standing ing spontaneously agreed to waive the room in the galleries. From 11 demand. The Kansas City Lumber til the hour when the voting began, the dislodge them. Company, which furnished four-fifths advocates and opponents of the bill of the lumber for the old building, has brilliantly and eloquently maintained agreed to duplicate its order at once at their convictions, and the auditors were the rate in existence two years ago, and the Minneapolis firm that furnished the steel girders for the immense roof the day were delivered by Mason (Rep.

has been telegraphed to duplicate its [11].), in opposition to the measure, and order. Convention hall has been classed by a brief speech of Wellington (Rep. travelers as one of the largest and most Md.). It was the Ohio senator's deperfectly constructed auditoriums in sire to clear up any misundertsanding the world. The building was erected or misinformation concerning the bill. in 1898, at a cost of \$235,000, which was raised entirely by public subscriptions. It occupied a piece of ground 314x200 feet in extent, was two stories high and built of native stone, cream brick and terra cotta. The first story was of the renaissance style of architecture and the second story in peristyle form, with groups and columns. The building was of bridge construction, without a column, the roof being general seating arrangement was mod- Bates has peacefully occupied Surigao, eled somewhat upon the plan of the Cagayan, Iligan and Misamis, in the Metropolitan opera house of New York.

## SATISFIED WITH LEARY

Governor of Guam Will Be Relieved

Washington, April 6 .- To set at rest stories that have been in circulation. to the effect that Captain Leary is to be relieved of the naval governorship of the island of Guam because of dissatisfaction with his administration of affairs, the navy department announces at his own instance. It is stated moreover, that the department is more than satisfied with the manner in which Captain Leary has discharged the duties confided to his care. His

letter is as follows: "Government House, Agana, Guam Feb. 8 .- I have the honor to request that upon the expiration of my sea cruise as a captain, on July 24, 1900, which will make my 21/2 years, I be relieved from my present duties and ordered to my home. With the 15 pointment commanding the ram Katah din, I will have had 45 months of almost continuous sea service, and as my presence will be needed at home

## Boers Surrounding Roberts.

Bloemfontein, April 6 .- There are numerous indications that in pursuance of their boast that they will recapture Bloemfontein, the Boers are trying to surround the town and to cut off ou line of communication to the south Large forces are reported east and south, which are said to be making for the railway. They still hold Thabanchu and the waterworks. Lord Roberts is completing the concentration. Four 4.7 guns and four naval 12-pounders have been mounted on kopjes commanding the plain. The cavalry camp has been removed to a better position northeast of the city. Special precautions are being taken to protect the railway southward. Several arrests have been made in the town of persons ters and forced 35 of them to quit suspected of giving information to the Boers. The railway to the north is in \$1.50 for 10 hours labor. The leaders of capital required for this undertakof the movement demanded an eightpossession of the British as far as Karee

## Sunday Closing at Exposition.

London, April 5 .- In the house of lords today, Lord Kinnaid asked the government to support the United States in the closing of exhibits on Sundays at the Paris exposition. The protected by soldiers. premier, Lord Salisbury, replied that the government was fully aware of the feeling in the matter, but had no shadow of authority to deal with the undoubtedly return to work in the next | subject. It was entirely a question for the authoritites of the exposition.

Yokohama, March 23 (via Williams Head Quarantine, B. C., April 6 .-While the tone of the native press is Miller, of 520 per cent Franklin Syndi- exceedingly moderate and guarded, it cate fame, was placed on trial in Brook. is quite evident that thinking Japanese lyn today. Of the 21 indictments are impressed by the serious character pending against him he was tried on of the situation regarding Russia. In the one charging him with grand lar- the last few days it has been definitely ceny in the first and second degree. It announced that the Russian method of alleged that he committed theft in insinuation has been applied to Corea taking money from investors in the in the usual form of a court adviser

## AMBUSHED BY OUTLAWS.

Thrilling Experience of Two New Mex Phoenix, Ariz., April 7 .- The folowing details of the ambushing of Officers Scarborough, of Deming, N.

M., and Birchfield, by outlwas in the Chirucusa mountains, have been received here.

The outlaws discovered that they THE OREGON MEMBERS DIVIDED were being followed and laid a trap for the officers, who walked into it. As soon as they came within rifle range, the party of three bandits opened fire. The first volley wounded Scarborough and Birchfield, one shot striking Scarborough in the leg badly shattering the Washington, April 5.-This was a bone; another struck Birchfield in the at bay, although hard pressed, several

until dark. In the meantime, Birchfield managed dences were damaged to a greater or begun upon the Puerto Rican tariff and to build a rude rock fort in which he less degree, and for a time it was feared civil government bill and pending placed Scarborough, and as soon as that several blocks of buildings in the amendments, and, less than a hour later darkness prevented his movements residence district would go. The ag- the measure, about which there as been from being observed by the bandits, he so much contention in and out of conslipped away, secured a horse and went gress, was passed by a majority of nine, for assistance. Returning at daybreak the final vote being 40 to 31. Only e found Scarborough still alive and holding the fort, but suffering intense It has been evident for some time that pain from his wound and exposure, it the bill would command a majority in having rained and snowed all through the senate, but, notwithstanding the the night. The party arrived at San Simon at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon with Scarborough, and he was sent to his home in Deming. His wound will probably prove fatal.

A large posse has started in pursuit of the outlaws, who have evidently gone further back in the mountains, 60 days' limit and make payment on o'clock, when the senate convened, un- where it will be almost impossible to

## NEWS FROM HAWAII.

Two Fresh Plague Cases Reported March 25.

The particularly notable speeches of Honolulu, March 30, via San Francisco, April 7.-Two cases of plague by Foraker (Rep. O.), who replied to were reported March 25. One was a Japanese fisherman, the other a white man named John Hurley. Since that date no cases have appeared.

Word has reached here that the disabled steamer Cleveland reached Hilo safely March 28. The distance of 400 miles was made under sail in 10 days. Three hundred or more steerage pas-

engers will probably sail from here on the next steamer for San Francisco. Dr. Carmichael has decided that, in view of the recognition now given the prophylactic as a preventative remedy, effective for from 30 to 40 days, he will give permits for steerage passage to persons who take the prophylactic and are in good health, have their baggage disinfected and are otherwise under sanitary conditions.

A riot occurred at Pauhaua planta tion March 17. A captain of police captured. The presence of the gunand four officers arrested eight Japanese boats Yorktown, Manila and Panay for gambling. About 200 Japanese, armd with cane knives and clubs, sur-Insurgent atrocities in Cagayan and rounded the officers and forced them to Camarines provinces continue. Span-

A disastrous cane fire swept over 530 arces on the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company's plantation March 20.

San Francisco, April 7 .- The case of the St. Louis petitioners was taken up today before the interstate commerce commission, and considerable evidence was introduced in support of their application for a smaller differential in freight rates between the Middle West and the Pacific coast. Hardware merchants from Petaluma, San Joe and Oakland were before the commission today, and their testimony was directed to the allegation that Pacific coast jobbers have united in a combination to restain trade by shutting out Eastern and Middle West competition, thereby forcing up prices. witnesses testified to their belief that such a combination existed.

### Disturbances in Panama New York, April 7 .- A special to

same treatment. The report, which is the Herald from Washington says: "It is now admitted that the diturbances in Panama, Colombia, are serithe Philippines have been reported, ous, and the authorities are beginning mostly light affairs. Our casualties to pay attention to them. Mail servwere 10 officers and 78 enlisted men ice has been interrupted in consequence of the operations of the troops, and it promiscuous heap. To add to per a ed. Insurgents and ladrones loss in was reported today that there had been fighting in the streets of Panama. Intured (mostly wounded), 1,453; small quiry at the department of state, however, failed to elicit any information on this point.

"A revolution in Colombia is of especial importance to the United the mass of wreckage, and was burne States, because of the guranteee made to death. It was reported that by this government to preserve free transit between Colon and Panama."

New York, April 7 .- A strong syndicate has been formed for the purpose of constructing a railroad extending the length of Cuba, a distance of about 800 miles, as soon as the necessary authority can be obtained. The full amount ing, it is understood, has already been subscribed by the syndicate, which is headed by Sir William C. Van Horne.

Washington, April 7.—The officers of the marine hospital service have consented to handle the smallpox situation on the Nez Perce's settlement in

Nez Perce's Smallpox Situation.

Idaho. They will co-operate with the agents and inspectors of the Indian Cleveland, April 4 .- Three hundred bureau, and will establish detention journeymen plumbers and 125 laborers camps and do whatever else is necesary struck in this city today for higher to stamp out the disease and prevent its spread. Business Block Burned.

Menominee, Mich., April 7 .- Fire today destroyed the Spies building, the largest business block in the city. the outlook for wheat is now generally | The loss on the building is \$60,000; insurance, \$12,000. The total loss, including the losses of firms occupying the block, is estimated at \$200,000.

New York, April 7 .- The jury in the opinion holding that arson includes the case of Olga Nethersole and others, acburning of a store building as well as a cused of maintaining a nuisance in perhouse. The point was never before de- forming the play "Sappho," turned a verdict of not guilty.

# NEARING MAFEKING

Relief Force Unable to Reach Besieged Town.

BOERS REPULSED TWO ATTACKS

Roberts Saving His Cavalry and Transport Animals for the Forward March.

London, April 7 .- A special dispatch from Lurenco Marques says sharp fighting occurred April 2, in the neighborhood of Mafeking. The garrison made a sortie, while Colonel Plumer's cavalry attacked the Boers at Ramatlabama. Both attacks were repulsed. Twenty of Colonel Plumer's men were found dead on the field, and six others were made prisoners. The federal losses

Gaberones, Bechuanaland, April 7. -Colonel Plumer, with a force of British mounted infantry, started on a daring march, March 25, with the object of threatening the Boer lines of communication. After rapid night marches through the Transvaal territory, they arrived at dawn, March 27, within 12 miles of Zecrust, and distinctly heard the bombardment of Mafeking.

Having reconnoitered the country with the view of future operations, without sighting a single white man, Colonel Plumber crossed the railroad south of Lobatski, which he found in possession of a Boer force, and returned. Then, finding the railroad hence damaged by General Snyman's main force, he returned to the vicinity of Mafeking. Rumors reached here that a relief column is approaching Mafeking from the south.

## Roberts' lnactivity.

London, April 7 .- Detached bodies f Boer horse, numbering from 500 to 1,000 each, have appeared at several places to the south and eastward of Bloemfontein, threatening the railroad, but communication by wire and rail is not in the least affected. One of these forces is near East Springfontein, on the Bloemfontein railroad, and General Gatacre's forces are reported to be about to engage it.

Lord Roberts, except to safeguard the railroad, seemingly declines to send columns chasing the Boer bands. He is reserving his cavalry and transport animals for the forward march. Explanations at the war office as to why Roberts is inactive is that there now horses are arriving by train hourly. The pressure on the railroad is so great that private parcels and the officers' newspapers have not been forwarded from Cape Town for three weeks. The situation in the Free State remains far from clear and is unsatis-

factory to British observers. The sickness among the Boer prisoners at Simonstown continue to increase.

## WRECK CAUGHT FIRE

Serious Accident on the Fort Worthis

Denver Road. Fort Worth, Tex., April 7 .- One of the most serious wrecks in the history of the Fort Worth & Denver City road occurred this morning at a point just south of Magenta, 376 miles north of this city. As a result, two men are known to be dead, and several injured. The dead are: John F. Dane, mail clerk ,of Denver; John J. Kuntz, passenger, residence unknown. The injured are: A. M. Scroggin, Independence, la., slightly; Frank Lane. Fort Worth, face cut, not seriously; James French, injuries unknown Herbert Bonebreak, brakeman, El Reno, O. T., fractured ribs; Engineer McNeil, slightly injured; Fireman Dubbs, slightly injured.

At the time of the accident the trai was running at full speed, when struck a defect in the track. a partial washout. The entire a was ditched, the cars being pine 36 rors of the wreck, a fire started out of debris, consuming the entire mas wrecked cars. Many passengers managed to extricate themselves badly injured. Mail Clerk Jode Dane, of Denver, was buried beillate press Messenger J. B. Chapman was killed, but later reports say he is safe. The loss to the railroad company will be heavy, as the entire train was

## Iron and Steel Profits.

New York, April 7 - The annual report of the Sloss Iron & Steel Company, which is now owned by the Sloss-Sheffield Iron & Steel Company, shows earnings for the year ended January 30, 1900, of \$802,667, which, after deducting \$263,753 for interest and taxes, deperciation and renewal fund, leaves \$538,914 net profits. Out of this a dividend of 134 per cent was declared in March. Practically all of this dividend goes to the Sloss-Sheffield Company, as the latter now owns all but 30 shares of the 50,000 shares of the capital stock of the Sloss Iron & Steel

Mrs. Grant Allen, the widow of the novelist, is about to open a bookshop in London.

Denver, April 7 .- Snow has been falling all over Colorado for the past 24 hours. The warm weather makes the snow so soft that it clings to trees and electric wires, breaking them down. Much trouble has been experienced in this city. Telephone, light and trolley wires are down in various parts of the city; many telegraph and long-distance telephone lines have been disabled. The street cars are stopped on many lines in this city.