EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES was destroyed by a tornado.

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

Webster Davis addressed an immense

pro-Boer audience in Washington. The Copper Stain mine, in Josephine county, Oregon, was sold for \$9,000. Cubans have confidence in General

The Edward T. Smith box factory at New York, was destroyed by fire; gulf of Pe Chi Li, China.

Ex-Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, is wanted for vice-president on the Democratic ticket.

Boers claim to have captured 11 guns at Bloemfontein waterworks, instead of seven, as first reported.

Building tradesmen in Indianapolis have returned to work, their employers conceding to their demands.

Generals in the Philippines are calling for more troops. They cannot Lold the rebels down with the present force. The Boers have succeeded in cutting off General Brabant's two or three thousand troops from all other British

The 65th anniversary of the birth of King Leopold, of Belgium, was appropriately celebrated throughout the kingdom.

The British North American and by one battleship, two cruisers and several torpedo boats.

The body of an unknown young man was found in the Willamette river near Oregon City, with his head entangled in a fish net. It is a case of deliberate

H. H. Pitcher, banker of Oakland, Cal., committed suicide by blowing his brains out. Pitcher was trustee of an estate valued at \$600,000. His trust was being investigated in court.

The United States supreme court decided the case of Grundling vs. the city of Chicago, involving the validity of the anti-cigarette ordinance of that city. The ordinance was attacked as unconstitutional. The opinion of Justice Peckham held the ordinance not to be unconstitutional.

vices held in memory of the late Dr. Isaac M. Wise, at Isaiah temple, Dr. Emil G. Hirsch made an appeal to the Jewish people of Chicago to raise \$500,-000, which is the amount yet required to lift the debt on the Jewish Union. College, in Cincinnati. By so doing. Dr. Hirsch said, the great work which was begun by Dr. Wise, and carried forward by him under difficulties, could be fully accomplished.

Emily Coghlan, the actress, died a: Stamford, Conn., aged 36 years.

Half the village of Proctorville, Ohio was destroyed by fire. Loss \$200,000.

A German scientist has invented a compound which melts iron in five

Boers in Natal are becoming active, and an engagement with Buller is im-The German flag has been raised over

the Samoan islands of Upolu, Manono. Apolima and Saru. Captain John Codman, the famous advocate of free ships and free trade, is

dead at Boston, aged 86. The statue of Maud Adams will not ville, Or. be admitted to the Paris expositon be-

cause it is a personal exhibit. At Pittsburg, Pa., a big eight-story

department store was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of over a \$1,000,000.

Another brother of President Steyn, Karee Siding, and is now at Bloem for \$150,000.

The squadron of the United States waters, is to have its headquarters at the Japanese coast.

Forty people lost their lives at Austin,

orado river. Property destroyed ex- causing 1,500 men to walk out. ceeds \$3,000,000.

The American Plate Mirror Company a capital of \$50,000,000. This com- and declined the offer of a Bible. pany is composed of well-known plateglass men, and is looked upon as the to wrest the trade in this country for cause. plate mirrors from foreign manu-

Senator Tillman, from the committee bill providing for the utilization of a Democratic ticket. part of the proceeds of the sales of publie lands in support of schools for mining in the public land states. It proand the gradual increase of the amount

Great Britain's naval estimates amount to £30,000,000.

Buffalo Bill says 30,000 Mormone from Salt Lake will found a city in Wyoming.

Steamer Prairie, with American exhibits for the Paris exposition, har arrived at Havre.

It costs \$4,400,000 a year to main-

LATER NEWS.

Bloemfontein is badly in need or water. Roberts and Buller will advance

simultaneously. The total British losses in the Boer war are now 23,000.

A Texas town in the flooded district

Fishermen testing the Columbia river near Astoria found but few Chinooks.

The Puerto Rican bill, as amended by the senate, passed the house by a

vote of 163 to 153. Admiral Dewey denies the story of his withdrawal as a candidate for presi-

dential nomination. H. C. Frick will dispose of all his holdings, something like \$16,000,000,

Gomez and entreat him not to leave the in the Carnegie Company. An international naval demonstration will soon take palce at Taku Cin, the

> During a fight with riotous laborers in New York, one Italian striker was killed and several wounded. At the Georgia Populist convention,

> Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, was denounced as the "chief of George W. Hull, an Arizona million-

> aire, was arrested in New York on a charge of perjury in a divorce case against his wife. Competent authorities estimate that the wastage of horses monthly by the

> British forces in South Africa, must be calculated at not less than 5,000. B. C. Bergin, an assayer in the United States mint at San Francisco, has been arrested for stealing small

amounts of gold daily for months past. Capitalists of Berlin, through a Chicago firm, have made an offer to purchase the Ferris wheel. The wheel, West Indies squadron is to be increased which weighs 2,200 tons, will be shipped to Berlin.

> In San Francisco, 500 pounds of plug-cut tobacco have been seized in various local stores by internal revenue agents, because the packages were insufficiently stamped.

Burglars in Chicago stole diamonds, jewe'ry and silverware valued at \$40. 000 from the home of Orrin W. Potter, the multi-millionaire and ex-president of the Illinois Steel Company. The period of time allowed Spanish

residents in the Philippines to elect whether they shall remain Spanish subjects or adopt the nationality of the territory in which they reside has expired.

The navy cannot get enough sailors. Paris exposition will be open on Sunday.

fied by President McKinley

Commodore William K. Mayo, died at his home in Washington, aged 76

General Lee has been appointed to

command the new department of Havana and Pinard de Rio. Nicaragua has landed troops

Columbian territory. The nature of the movement is not understood. A 21/2-year-old child was scalded to death by falling into a tub of hot water

and lye, near Ashland, Or. Indians attempted to rescue the nurderers of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Horton,

but were driven off by Skagway troops. The United States government denies the report that it has joined with other powers in threatening to land troops in

China. A vote on the resolution relative to the seating of M. S. Quay as senator from Pennsylvania, will be taken on

April 24. Thomas H. Tongue was renominated for congressman from the Second district on the first ballot at McMinn-

Texas and Lousiana, to guard against bubonic plague, may establish a quarantine against Chinamen coming from California

An inventor of thorite has announced his willingness to sell the government of Orange Free State, was captured at the right to manufacture the explosive

The British bark Iranian, which sailed from New York, November 25, navy, recently formed in Chinese for Yokohama, has been wrecked on

The Building Trades Assembly, of Houston, Texas, has ordered a general Texas, due to an overflow of the Col- strike in sympathy with the carpenters,

Two negro murderers were executed at Summerville, Texas. When senwas chartered at Harrisburg, Pa., with tenced both asked for a deck of cards,

A minister of Ballard, Cal., near Santa Barbara, committed suicide by beginning of a determined move on the blowing the top of his head off with a part of the American plate-glass men shotgun. Temporary insanity was the

Former Congressman Charles A. Towne, of Duluth, Minn, has announced himself as a candidate for the on mines and mining, reported the vice-presidential nomination on the

The contract for carrying the Australian and English closed mails across vides for the appropriation of \$10,000 United States government to the annually for the present in each case Oceanic Steamship Company for 10 years at a rate of \$2 per mile.

> At a meeting of the De Beers company Cecil Rhodes said annual profits of diamond mines in Kimberley are

Public sentiment in England insists upon absolute supremacy of Great Britain in the Boer states after the war's

end. A private cablegram from Port of William throughout the German Spain, Venezuela, says the British Contains the 24 royal palaces of Emperor Sul at Bolivar, named Lyons, has been sunite.

WINTER CAMPAIGN

Robert's Stay at Bloemfontein Will Be Long.

In the Meantime, He Will Raise Seige of Mafeking Boers Planned & Mined Ambush.

London, April 11.-Britons are now beginning, though reluctantly, to realize that Lord Roberts is in for a winter campaign, lasting several months. This is the end, in a few words, of the high hopes based upon Lord Roberts' brilliant dash to Kimberley and Bloem-

Preparations are being made to hold Bloemfontein against surprises. Lord Kitchener has been given an important duty, being responsible for the protection of the railway while Lord Roberts is waiting for remounts and winter clothing for the troops, whose thin cotton khaki uniforms and boots are worn out. General Brabant and General Gatacre are both at a standstill.

Lord Roberts will probably for some time confine his operations to clearing the Free State behind him of raiders and to the relieving of Mafeking, for which purpose apparently the English division, now arriving at Cape Town, has been ordered to Kimberley. Lady Sarah Wilson and other Mafeking correspondents send diaries of the doings there, showing that the Boers have passed without serious objection is retried, by abandoning their trenches, to garded as a compliment to the commitlure the beseiged out into a mined tee. During the greater part of the sesambush. Fortunately, the British engineers discovered the mine, cut the priation bill was under consideration. wire communication and unearthed 250 As passed, it carries nearly \$80,000,000. pounds of dynamite and war gelatine.

What the chances are for an advance to Pretoria may be judged from the fact Roberts Reports That the Boers Were that only from 6,000 to 10,000 horses are on their way to the Cape, and from the further fact that the military tailoring department only within the last from Lord Roberts: three weeks began making woolen khaki uniforms. It is said it will take at least two months to provide 200,000 Mr. Steyn's address to the Free State

Fischer-Wolmarens deputation has full to the raad's sanction.

Town. The Duke of Westminster, the

A MEXICAN LAND GRANT.

International Negotiations.

Monterey, Cal., April 11 .- A paper of considerable international importance has just been received from Lonfrom the Mexican government, made in wounded. 1863, to Jacob P. Leese and others of

18,000,000 acres of land in Lower California for colonization purposes. At the time the grant was made, Mexico was in a state of war, which continued practically until after the accension of Diaz to the presidency, and Leese and his associates found it difficult to induce colonists to go there. A further contract was made with the Mexican government, by which Leese paid \$100,000 for the land upon the condition that if he failed to colonize because of the war before the expiration of an alloted time, the government was to return him \$50,000 of the

amount. This amount has never been paid, and it is stated that the Mexican government absolutely refuses to recognize Leese's claim. J. R. Leese, eldest son of Jacob P. Leese, received a deed from his father shortly before the latter's death, assigning him one-eighth of the entire 18,000,000 acres, and it is this, as well as the \$50,000, for which he is fighting. He intends to move at once through the state department at Washington for a recognition of hi claim and a restoration of his property and that of other heirs.

Tacoma, April 11.-The steame Monmouthshire brings news that the commercialists of Japan are agitating the question of Japan obtaining a foothold in Foo Kien province, in Southern China, opposite Formosa.

The Japan Export Society, founded by Count Inouyo, has appointed a committee of influential men to investigate the best methods of increasing the exports and decreasing the imports. The same society sent one of its members to Foo Kien, which province he reports rich in silver, iron, lead and coal. He recommends that mining concessions be first secured, to be followed by railroad concessions between Foo Chow and Kiu Kong, 560 miles. The port of Tswanchi, he says, should be opened to facilitate trade

of the most prominent Chinese reformers have been sezied and probably executed.

A Mexican land grant to Jacob Leese, made in 1863, may cause trouble between Mexico and the United States.

War in Colombia Spreading

Kingston, Jamaica, April 11.-Coombian advices just received here announce that a rebel attack is momentarily expected at Savanima. It is added that the place has been prepared for the expected movement, and that artillery has been trained so as to command the harbor. At Cartagena, all is excitement, owing to the rebels' successes, and a large body of government troops has arrived at Colon to stengthen the carrison there.

THE STRUGGLE ENDED.

House Finally Disposed of the Puerlo

Washington, April 13.-The long Rican tariff bill ended today when the house, by a vote of 161 to 153, concurred in all the senate amendments The bill now requires only the signa-AWAITS CLOTHING AND HORSES ture of the speaker of the house and the president of the senate before going to the president for his approval. These signatures will be attached tomorrow, and before nightfall the bill propably will be a law.

As the bill originally passed the house, it was a simple bill, imposing 15 per cent of the Dingley rates on goods going into Puerto Rico from the United States and coming from Puerto Rico into the United States. amended by the senate and today agreed to by the house, all restrictions on goods coming into the United States from Puerto Rico are eliminated, and certain foodstuffs and other articles which heretofore have gone into Puerto Rico free by executive order are excluded from the operation of the 15 per cent duty imposed on goods entering the island from the United States. A complete scheme of civil government for the island is also attached to the

Pacific Cable Bill. Washington, April 13 .- With little debate of importance, the senate today passed the Pacific cable bill, a measure appropriating \$3,000,000 for the construction of a cable between San Francisco and Honolulu. The bill was unanimously reported by the committee on naval affairs, and that it was sion, the District of Columbia appro-

ATTACK ON BULLER.

Repulsed.

London, April 13.-The war office has received the following dispatch "Bloemfontein, April 12.-Methuen

reports that the party of Boers defeated April 5 made good resistance for four hours, and only gave in when our troops, with fixed bayonets, were withraad at Kroonstad is confirmed. The in 15 yards of them. Seven of the enemy were killed, 11 wounded and 51 power to negotiate for peace, subject made prisoners. Besides Lieutenants Bolye and Williams, Sergeant Patrick Lady Roberts will remain at Cape Campbell was killed and two of our men were wounded. Williams was Duke of Marlborough and Lord Henry killed deliberately after the white flag Cavendish Bentwick have gone to the had been held up. The perpetrator of the crime was at once shot. Methuen manner in which the Imperial Yeothe Kimberley

corps have behaved. Buller reports that the enemy attacked his right flank yesterday while he was engaged in changing his posidon by Jacob R. Leese, of this city, tion, but our artillery silenced their son of the California pioneer, Jacob P. guns and they did not press the attack. Leese. The paper is the original grant Our losses were four killed and eight

Conviction of a Rebel. New York, April 13 .- A disptch to the Herald from Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, says: The trial of Perico Pipin, who recently led a small uprising against the government of Santo Domingo, has ended with the conivetion of the prisoner, who was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$30,000 in gold. A warship has taken him to the capital. He will

Fatal Rope-Skipping Contest. Chicago, April 13 .- A special to the Chronicle from Belleville, Ill., says: A skipping-rope contest has caused the death of 11-year-old Freda Poignee and occasioned the serious illness of two other children. There was great rivalry among the three children and others of the school they attended as to who could jump the rope the most. The attending physician said the cause of the detath of Freda was heart

disease, caused by too violent exercise. Russia Force at Kushk.

London, April 13.-The Simla corre spondent of the Times says: I learn from a trustworthy source that the strength of the Russian garrison at Kushk is about 30,000 men, including a mountain battery. The previous reports were very much exaggerated. The Duke of Connaught is mentioned as the probable successor of the late Sir William Lockhart as commander-in-chief in India.

Had Too Many Beer Stamps. New York, April 13 .- Thomas Blandy, a bartender, was arrested this afternoon for having in his possession \$10,000 worth of beer stamps. The arrest was made by City Revenue Agent F. G. Thompson. Blandy was taken before the United States commissioner and held in \$5,000 bail.

English Mining Syndicate Buying. Joplin, Mo., April 13 .- The new \$1,000,000 English mining syndicate made its first deal in American zinc property today, purchasing the Southside Mining & Milling Copmany's 15 mines, and 10 mills at Galena, Kan., this evening. The consideration is said to be about \$500,000.

The newly elected senator from California, Mr. Bard, is an enthusiastic gardener, and has produced two new

Swindler Kellogg Sentenced. New York, April 13 .- James B. Kellogg, the head of the E. S. Dean Company, was today sentenced to seven years and six months in state prison. Kellogg was convicted of grand larceny in the first degree after a trial lasting four weeks. He took the matter very calmly. The recorder consented to stay the commitment until tomorrow, to enable counsel for Kellogg to go before the supreme court and secure a stay pending an appeal.

VICTORIOUS BOERS

and bitter struggle over the Puerto British Defeated at the Hands

FIGHT NORTH OF BLOEMFONTEIN

of General Dewet.

Killed and Wounded Number 600; Captured 900 Boer Loss Was Triffing.

London, April 12 .- A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Brandfort dated

"Yesterday General Dewet inflicted the third defeat on the British within a week at Merkatsfontein, killing and woundng 600. He captured 900 with 12 wagons, losing five Boers killed and

nine wounded." The Daily Mail publishes the following, dated April 10 from Lourenco Marques:

"The Netherland Railway Company professes to have received a telegram reporting a Boer victory near Kroonstad, the Boers capturing 900 British." Commenting upon this, the Daily Mail remarks: "There is a Merkatsfontein about five and one-half miles southeast of Kroonstad, but if the re-

port be true, this can hardly be the The Daily News has the following from Pretoria, dated Monday, by way

of Delagoa bay: "It is officially announced that a battle has been fought south of Brandford, in which 600 British troops were killed and wounded and 800 taken prisoners.

"Lord Roberts is declared to be finding great difficulty, owing to the scarcity of water."

BOYS' PRO-BOER RALLY.

Message of Greeting Carried by a District Messenger to Transvaal President. Philadelphia, April 12 .- One of the greatest demonstrations of sympathy, both in the number of participants and in enthusiasm displayed, ever shown in this city for any foreign nation took place tonight, when the Academy of Music was jammed with people for the purpose of taking part in the Philadelphia school boys' pro-Boer rally. The crush, mostly of the younger genera- last three months. tion, that many thousands were unable

progress. After the speech making was over. James F. Smith, a 14-year-old messenger boy, was called to the stage by means of the regulation call box, and was given the message signed by the chool boys, with instructions to proceed to Pretoria and to hand it personally to President Kruger. Tuesday the messenger will sail on the steamship St. Louis, and before the vessel reaches Southampton he will be taken off by a French tender and landed at Havre, France, in order to avoid English territory. The message to President Kruger

is as follows: "We, the undersigned students of the public schools of Philadelphia, the city where our own forefathers enlisted in their splendid and successful struggle against English oppression, desire to express to you and to the fighting men of the South African republic their great admiration for the geinus and courage that has checked English invasion of the Transvaal, and the undersigned extend their most earnest wishes that in the end the South African republic will triumph over England in a war in which the Boer cause is noble, the British cause unjust."

Delegations of school boys from New York and Boston attended the meeting. Chicago, April 12 .- A nonunion plasterer, working in the basement of the Marshall Field building, Clark and Adams streets, was assaulted and seriously injured by a union picket today. Nearly 200 union men were discharged by the contractors on this building yesterday and their places filled by nonunion men. Today, a general pension law, was passed. union picket gained entrance to the building by eluding the police, and after knocking the nonunion plasterer down with a club, escaped. The infound, and his skull may be fractured. The 42 union men employed in the

building struck this afternoon. Arizona Millionaire Arrested. New York, April 12 .- George W. Hull, of Arizona, who is said to be a millionaire and ex-speaker of the Arizona legislature, was arrested in this but providing that in all states the peocity today at the request of the attorney-general of Rhode Island. According to statements made in the police court when he was arraigned, he is wanted in Rhode Island to answer to a charge of perjury, alleged to have been without bail.

The Creek Indians are leaving Indian territory and moving to Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Washington, April 12.-The senate committee on privileges and elections today deceided by a unanimous vote to recommend an option resolution declaring that Hon. W. A. Clark, of Montana, is not entitled to occupy his seat as senator from Montana. The decision was reached after a two hours' sitting, at which all members of the committee were present except one. The absentee was Senator Caffery, and he wired his vote in opposition to Clark.

SITUATION IN PUERTO RICO Former Good Feeling Between Natives

Ponce, Puerto Rico, April 14 .- At no time since the hurricane of August 8 Puerto Rico been as bad as it is today. About 95 per cent of the island may be placed in the peon class, which is made up of a mixture of all races. In the other 5 per cent are included the wellto-do, educated people, such as mer chants, planters and professional me and their families.

This better class is able to pasthrough such times as are now prevaiing without actual physical sufferir but their business affairs are at a star. still, and have been for a long timand this deprives the majority of the large laboring class of a means of live lihood. This large body of laboring people furnishes the very cheap and several months, came to a head here effective labor which is needed for agriculture and other work, but at all Order of Railway Telegraphers, called times they have been in an under fed on the telegraphers to quit work.

and poorly nourished condition. Their hardships have been greatly the hurricane, and it is consequently increased in price. Salt fish, rice and tlement of certain grievances. Hearsince the hurricane, but little of the an appeal was made to General Superpeons, and now, when there is a pros- later to Vice-President and General pect of 15 per cent of the Dingley tariff | Manager Cannon. The officers of the has been greatly advanced. Merchants ceived from these officers, and the hesitate to import lagre stocks because grievances were finally taken to Presiof the prospect of free trade, and the dent Speyer, whose secretary said the for the advance in prices. Rice has matter at this time. gone up from 5 to 6 centavos a pound to 8 and 9, beans from 6 to 12, and, at one time, a few days ago, to 15 cent- have been dismissed to the number of avos a pound, while salt fish has ad-

vanced from 6 to about 10 centavos. No one who understands the situation here will deny that much of the former good feeling between Puerto Ricans and Americans has been lost. Besides, Americans are fewer in number in Puerto Rico today than at any time since shortly after the troops first | venience and has not interfered with landed, and those departing have left a long list of defunct companies, bankrupt business, wrecked schemes and anxious creditors, who, in some cases, hold choice collections of worthless notes and checks. Not only are Americans leaving the island, but large numbers of Puerto Ricans have gone to heard through committees in the ad-Venezuela, to Santo Domingo and to justment of individual grievances; for primary object of the gathering was to Cuba. Three days ago more than 300 a set of rules and rates of pay to govsend a message of greeting to President | natives sailed for Cuba to obtain em-Kruger, signed by 22,000 pupils of the ployment there, and at least 1,000 agents and other station employes in

Much livestock is also being shipped to get near the door, and the mass of to Cuba. The greatest loss to Puerto including one hour for dinner; 10 construggling people was entertained by Rico in this respect is in the large carspeaks in high terms of the intelligent music while the meeting inside was in goes of magnificent cattle, which it all relay dispatchers' offices and offices

will take years to replace. AGAINST THE CANAL.

enate Declines to Consider the Nicaragua Bill. Washington, April 14.-An effort was made in the senate today by Morgan (Dem. Ala.) to displace the present unfinished business, the Spooner Philippine bill, by the substitution in its stead of the Nicaragua canal bill. While Morgan's motion failed, 15 to 33, the Philippine measure had a narrow escape from being displaced by the Alaskan civil code bill, on motion of Carter (Rep. Mont.), the motion being defeated on a roll call, 22 to 24. The feature of the day's proceedings was an exhaustive discussion of the Quay case

by Burrows (Rep. Mich.). Island Depositories.

Washington April 14.-The house today, after a spirited debate, adopted the resolution reported from the insular affairs committee to authorize the secretary of the treasury to designate depostories in Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines for the deposit of governnent funds. By the terms of the resolution, it applies to Cuba only so long as the island shall be occupied by the United States. An amendment to include the Philippines in this provision as to Cuba, offered, as was stated, to emphasize the desire of the opposition not to retain the islands, was defeated by a party vote. A senate bill which will permit the dependent mothers of soldiers or sailors of the Spanish war, even though they married Confederate soldiers, to receive the benefit of the

The remainder of the day was devoted to debate upon a resolution from the committee on the election of president, vice-president and representatives jured man was unconscious when in congress for a constitutional amendment empowering the legislatures of states to decide whether the United States senators shall be elected by the

legislature or directly by the people. A substitute resolution was offered by the minority of the committee. which differed from the majority resolutions in giving the states no option, ple should vote directly for United

States senators.

Work Train Wrecked. Redding, Cal., April 14 .- In the wreck of a Southern Pacific work train. committed by him in a suit brought be- five miles below Cottonwood, tonight, fore the appellate division of the su- three railroad employes were killed and preme court of that state for divorce three injured, two probably tatally. from his wife. Hull was remanded The work train was backing from Hooker to Cottonwood, and the caboose followed by five flat cars, left the track The cars rolled over the caboose, crushing it into the ground and killing three of its five occupants.

British Reverse at Ashantee.

Accra, April 13.-Uncorroborated reports are in circulation here and at Cape Coast castle that the governor of Kumassie is in the enemy's hands. The greatest fear is felt for Cape Coast castle, if a reverse has been sustained, and if the rebellion continues. It is understood that Sierra Leon has asked for a gunboat, but the troops there are not in sufficient numbers to leave the

last, has the condition of the poor of Telegraphers of Two Southern Railways Strike.

TROUBLE COMMENCED LAST FALL

ratiway, watch has been pending for today, when President Powell, of the

The trouble commenced last fall, when the telegraphers of each division added to by the scarcity of fruit since appointed a committee to go before the division superintendents and ask a setbeans have been imported free of duty ings, they say, were refused them, and benefit derived from this has gone to intendent Harrett, at Washington, and being placed on these articles, the price order state that no satisfaction was reresent scarcity of fruit is also a cause president was too ill to consider the

President Powell says the committeemen selected to represent the men more than 20, and that dozens of members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers have been discharged because of their membership. He says the last communication to the officials of the company contained an offer to arbitrate the differences. Railroad officials say the strike has caused them no incontraffic. In a statement which Presi-

dent Powell has issued he says: "The strike was inaugurated for the

following purposes: "To secure a reinstatement of its members who were discharged by the Southern railway; for the right to be ern train dispatchers, telegraphers, schools of this city. So great was the sailed from this port alone during the their employment, discipline, etc.; 12 consecutive hours' work per day, where one or two telegraphers are employed, secutive hours, including meal hour, in where more than two dispatchers are employed; eight consecutive hours for train dispatchers; pay for overtime; to abolish the practice of compelling agents to load cotton and the performance of other manual labor; a minimum wage scale of \$45 and \$50 per month for operators and \$120 for dispatchers:

fair and equitable rules regarding promotion." FIGHTING IN NATAL.

Boer Attacks on the British Lines

Stubbornly Resisted. London, April 14.-A special dispatch from Eland's Laagte, dated yesterday, says: "Fighting was renewed beyond Eland's Laagte this afternoon. The

Boers steadily advanced upon the ish positions. There was a contin rifle fire and the Boer big guns in action. The British replied tively, and after two hours' fighting Boers were checked." Eland's Laagte and Wepener still monopolize attention. At both places a series of indecisive actions are occurring. The Boer report of the fight-

ing April 10 at Eland's Laagte avers

that the advance on the British camp

was made with the loss of only three

mules and two horses, while the British losses, says the same report, must have been heavy. The bombardment Nothing has been learned regarding the rumor of Colonel Baden-Powell's death, nor is there anything tending to show how long the general advance toward Pretoria will be delayed. In the absence of exciting developments, public interest centers more upon the personality of the new commanders, and

general will be to be sent home. The announcement of the reoccupation of Smithfield by the burghers, just received, is no news, as the small British force at that place withdrew thence after the Reddersburg affair.

in the supposition as to who the next

It now appears that General Brabant himself is at Aliwal North, and that only a portion of his column is at Wepener. Left to Cooper Union. New York, April 14 .- When John

Holstead, a well-known tea merchant, died last May, he bequeathed sums of noney to numerous public institutions, and the residue of the estate to Cooper Union. It was supposed that this residue would amount to \$25,000. An inventory of the estate, however, shows that Cooper Union will receive \$300 .-Money-Order System for Nome.

Washington, April 14 .- The post-

office department has arranged to pro-

vide a first-class money order system for Cape Nome, Alaska. Japanese Refused a Landing.

San Francisco, April 14 .- Thirtythree of the 219 Japanese steerage passengers who arrived on the steamer Belgian King, a few days ago, have been refused a landing by the immigration officials, but have appealed to the secretary of the treasury, and, pending reply from Washington, will be held here. The principal reason for their rejection by the officials is the discovery of evidence that the Japanese came here as contract laborers.