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TRUTH AND LIBERTY

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1900, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

HORRORS NEAR COLENSO.

Dead Men and Asimals Unburied

Some Free Staters Want Peace-

Pauncefote Stays in Washington.

[Afternoon Dispatches]

"Osfontein, March 6 .- Gen. Gatacre

occupied Stormberg yesterday. The

"Gen. Buller reports Natal now prac-

tically clear of the enemy, and that

he cannot hear of any formed body of

them anywhere. The Boers left some

ambulances full of their sick, from

which the mules had been taken for

transport service" 5:07 p. m.—The Assonnted Press learns that the British government has decided that Lord Paunceene will re-main as ambassador at Washington in-

The Boers in northern Cupe Colony are in full retreat to the Grange Free

The possession of Stonnberg puts

Gen. Gatacre in railroad communica-tion with Gen. Clements at Colesberg,

for though the Boers partially wrecked the railroad it is understood it can be

shal Roberts is opposed by a good sized

Lord Roberts:

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TAKEN OUT DEAD

Terrific Explosion of Gas in a West

Virginia Mine.

Few Rescued Allve-No Hope of Save

ing Any of the Others-Remov-

ing the Bodies.

FIFTIETH YEAR. JOHN H. BENBROOK ON THE RACK TODAY

The Defendant is Cross-Examined at Great Length by Senator Brown-How He Stood the Trying Ordeal.

me Searching Questions-It is Drawn Out That Benbrook, While an Officer in Arizona, Killed a Man-Describes His Movements During the Night Before the Tragedy-Recounts Again the Death Struggle at the Merchants' Cafe -Contradicts Miss Stromberg Regarding the Notes and Repeats His Testimony About the Gun - Denies That He Was Intoxicated on July 17, or That He Had Any Difficulty with Stone, the Tailor-His Pistol Accidently Discharged in a Saloon.

John H. Benbrook has been examined | with his brother and Andrew Burt, he ad cross-examined, and his story as abow he came to kill Burton C. Mora with all the details of the tragedy, s now before the jury. The main tanges of the defendant's version are hat the gun was brought to him undeted, by the walter, Daly, at Steve Lene's order; that Miss Stromberg did at stile any second note to Burton C. ris. This is a contradiction of hth Keene and Miss Stromberg. Seabrook was less nervous on the ent today than yesterday, and while and not hesitate for answers, it was endent that he considered them all

leftre he made them. Senator Brown's cross-examination " Beabrook was a masterly piece of tak and all things considered, the deindant stood the ordeal fairly well. He was on the rack for several hours ad did not contradict himself on anyany throughout on his direct examinais but many new points were truth out. Senator Brown showed that Benbrook, while an officer, shot utilled a man whom he was trying

"Possibly an hour." "How many notes did Miss Strom-berg write?" "Only two." "Didn't she write a note, send it by igain? notes but once. waiter? "Didn't she tell you that she didn't speak to Miss Neibour?" "She did not." "Who suggested the writing of a note to Miss Neibour?" saw Miss Stromberg go up stairs in the Merchants' Cafe. The witness went up and met Daly, or Bigelow, the walter, who told him Miss Stromberg was in room 3 and wished to see him. He note knocked at the door, entered and found Miss Stromberg there. They engaged in conversation, mint juleps were ordered "Wasn't it a suggestion that she come

conversation, mint pulses were ordered and then dinner for two was ordered through Daly. Benbrook said to wit-ness that he was to leave the city that night and in the hurry of preparation had not had time to eat dinner and asked her to join him at the meal. She said she would and did not mention any dinner.

said she would and did not inertion any previous engagement at the time. A little later she referred to an engage-ment with Mr. Morris, said she didn't wish to keep it and wouldn't be at home when he called. Witness advised her that if she did not wish to keep the en-gagement, she should send him a note and her here here. and let him know.

THE NOTE TO MORRIS. Thereupon Miss Stromberg wrote a note, but he did not see it, did not dietate it nor did she read it to him. She said also, that she wished to see Miss Nelbaur and wrote a note asking her to come to the cafe, signing it "Uncle J. H. B." and adding her own name. These notes were addressed, given to the walter and sent walter and sent.

MORRIS ARRIVES.

CONTRADICTS KEENE.

through the roof if he had struck me.

I don't want any trouble. I want pro-

Keene, 'if he comes out here and gets

WANTED TO GET' AWAY.

I pulled the gun, gave a shove and

"When you were there, who asked for the drinks?" **BOERS ARE ALL** "I suggested them. I think I sug-gested the kind." "How long after you got there be-fore you finished the mint juleps?" "I don't remember exactly, but it vas before dinner was served." "Was dinner eaten?" "It was eaten." "You heard MissStromberg testify that the dinner was put on the sideboard and not eaten?" Lord Roberts Makes His Report "I heard her testify. The fact is, though, that dinner was eaten." "Was it while you were eating that you suggested she should write a note to Mr. Morris?" to the London War Office. "Yes, I think it was. She mentioned that she had an engagement to go to the dog and pony show, but didn't in-

tend to be home when the party called for her. I then suggested that she ought, if she intended not to be home, to write a note, and inform the party

Where did you get the stationery? 'We sent the waiter, Daly, for it "How long were you there, at dinner, ltogether?"

the waiter, and then call it back

She did not. She wrote but two notes, and the waiter came for these "What directions did she give the "She sent the notes out and said she

vanted an answer to Miss Nelbour's

"She was mentioned in the course of the conversation, but I think Miss Stromberg suggested that the note be written to her. Miss Stromberg wrote the note and read it to me. I cannot now remember just what was in the

over and chaperon you and Miss Strom-berg at dinner?" "I think something was said about

"I believe so." "Why did you then let Miss Nei-bour be invited to dinner when you had already eaten dinner?"

"I cannot say." "You know you had eaten?" "Yes, sir."

"Didn't intend that Miss Nelbour should clean up the dishes?"

"Nor that she should eat what you had left?" "No."

"Why was it that when she read body of Boers, there is still no news except reports of minor skirmishes. you that note you didn't say, 'What's the sense of this, we have already eaten The position gained by Gen. Brabant at Dordrecht is reported to be exceed-ingly strong. According to the Times correspondent, the Boer numbers alone dinner' "I am not certain about it.'

"What was it Miss Stromberg wanted to see you about ?" She didn't say.'

"Did you have any business with her?

E. V. Debs, V. I. Berger and other leaders say, however, that the Social Democrats will enter fusion with no party but will absorb any. It is now believed Debs will be made the presidential candidate OUT OF SIGHT.

the presidential candidate. If he should be nominated Harriman will likely be the candidate for Vice President.

CABLE TO MANILA.

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Senate Committee Reports Favorably on Government Project. Washington, March 6 .- The Senate ommittee on naval affairs today or dered a favorable report upon the bill to construct a cable to Manila by way of Honolulu, Midway Islands and Guam. It is to be under the direction of the new description navy department and to be a govern-ment cable.

CARTER IS CHALLENGED.

Senator from Oregon Sends Greeting to Senator from Montana.

Washington, March 6 .- At the conclusion of the morning business in the Senate today, Mr. Simon (Ore.) called up the resolution on the seating of former Senator Quay. He addressed the Sen-ate in answer to the speech of Carter delivered systerday, in the course of London, March 6 .- The war office has which the Montana senator advertereceived the following dispatch from to the reasons which induced him to vote against Mr. Corbett, who was an appointee of the governor of Oregon. He said Mr. Carter had made the dis-tinct charge that Mr. Corbett had cor-rupted the legislature and defeated the desires of the people of Oregon. He lines of railroad north and west will now be repaired. Gen. Clements is at Joubert's siding station, beyond Coles-

berg. The duke of Mariborough with the Oxford company of the imperial 3,000 STREET R. R. MEN. yeomanry has left Capetown for

They Will Present an Ultimatum to St.

Syndicate Will Have Alternative of

St. Louis, Mo., March 6 .- The Globe-Democrat today says 3,000 street rallway men of this city have completed a strong organization and will prepare an ultimatum for the management of the syndicate railways of the city, which if guickly repaired and thus the entrance of additional British troops into the Free State will be facilitated. From Osfontein, where Field Mar-

the number was Vice President Miller of the union. It was this summary ac-tion that made the men determine to stand out for their rights. They will demand the immediate reinstatement of Miller, a readjustment of the runs, and that time will be given them for meals, and other changes. They will demand enabled them to retreat from Dord-recht practically unhindered. He also reports a violation of the white flag by that more cars be placed on the differ-

have experienced a series of storms, re-

markable for their severity. The cen-ter, however, appears to have been

There is some danger of Chicago's

Fire at Kingston, N. Y.

The American Expess company's

ent lines. The men hope to have the cooperation of the public to a certain extent in view of the bad service that has been given since the consolidation of the other business interests; Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central roads. The strike may also involve the suburban system. E. D. Bigelow of Kansas City and Mr. Redman, a veteran pilot of the Mississippi. They favored the main-STORM IS DISASTRIOUS.

in the case of Admiral Dewey. He will FIFTY MINERS probably arrive in European waters some time during the summer and may go to northern Europe and visit the Paris exposition,

Rear Admiral George C. Remey, at present in command of the Parismouth, N. H., navy yard, will be ordered to succeed Rear Admiral Watson in com-mand of the Asiatic station.

Captain Wilde, of the Oregon, the senior officer next to Admiral Watson, will command the station in the inter-val between Admiral Watson's departure and Admiral Remey's arrival, at Cavite.

Twenty-five Counts Against Him.

Boston, March 6.—Charles R. Cole, formerly president of the defunct Globe National Bank of this city, was indicted on twenty-five counts by the grand jury in the United States district court this afternaon before Index Lowell this afternoon before Judge Lowell. Sixteen of the counts are for false entries on the books of the bank and nine of the counts are for misapplication of funds. The case is set for trial during the first week of April and Mr. Cole is given until March 20 to plead.

DOWN GOES SUGAR.

Drops 10 Cents Per Hundred in the Price Today.

New York, March 6 .- The American Sugar Refining Co. has reduced the price of all its sugars 10 cents per hundred pounds. The usual reduction is 5 cents at a time. This double reduction brings the price of standard granulated down from 5.20 to 5.10 cents a pound.

AWFUL CRIME IN GEORGIA.

Negro Boys Murder a Farmer, His Wife and Baby.

Baxley, Ga., March & .-- Dan Mills, a young farmer living twenty miles from here, was brutally murdered last night y two negro boys. Mrs. Mills tried to get away from the negroes, but they captured her, killing her baby, and beat the woman so badly that she will die. The murderers escaped.

Financial Bill Passes.

Washington, March 6 .- The Senate agreed to the conference report on the financial bill by a vote of 44 to 25.

Storm is Disastrous.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 6 .- This city has been the center of a disastrous combination of wind, snow and sleet. Railroad traffic is practically at a standstill and passengers are stalled near Fennville, Dorr, Charlotte, Dutton, and various other places.

Big Mississippi Scheme.

Washington, March 6 .- The project of pening a safe, wide and deep channel brough the southwest pass of the Mississippi river by an expenditure of about \$8,000,000, was taken up by the river and harbor committee today, A large delegation was present, representing not only the commercial and navigation interests of New Orleans, but the states along the river and the north-west in general. The speakers were M. J. Sanders, chairman of the committee of the New Orleans exchanges and

Charleston, W. Va., March 6 .- The greatest mine horror in the history of the New River region occurred at Red Ash, about 8 o'clock this morning by an explosion in a drift mine of the Red Ash Coal company. It is feared that almost a hundred lives were lost. The mine was full of men and the explosion occurred near the entrance. which was closed by failing slate. A relief crew was quickly at work, Already fifty dead have been removed from the shaft. The working capacity of the mine is 175 men, and it was being worked to its full capacity to fill rush orders. It is believed 100 men were at work.

State Mine Inspector Pinckney is on the ground with a corps of experts lending all assistance possible. So far no statement has been made as to the cause of the disaster. It is thought gas ignited from a miner's lamp. The explosion made but little noise, and the accident was first discovered by a laborer at the entrance. The injured are being cared for as well as possible under the circumstances and every nerve is being strained to rescue those still in the mine. The scene of the accident is three miles above Thurmond on the Chesapeake & Ohlo road, The prin-cipal owner of the mine is J. Fred Ef-finger, of Staunton, Va.

Montgomery, W. Va., March 6 .- By an explosion of gas in the Red Ash mines this morning 70 men were imprisoned. Twelve of the men have been rescued. Five are dead and the others in a critical condition. The others are in the mine with no

hope of relief Forty dead have now been taken out,

and the rescuing party is still hard at The news of the disaster swept

through the town like an electric shock, and within a few minutes hundreds of men, women and children relatives of the unfortunate miners were crowded upon the scene of the disaster. As the conviction that the rescue of the enumbed men alive was hopeless forced itself on the grief-stricken crowds, they became frantic in their endeavors to reach their dead and dying in the wrecked shaft, and the work of at-tempted rescue was organized with ex-treme difficulty. Of the first twelve men brought to the surface five were dead, within a few minutes, and sevor died eral of the others were horribly burned or bruised. As the dead bodies were brought up one by one the scenes at the mouth of the shaft became distressing to the extreme. Shrieking, frantic women and children impeded the rescuers and added to the horror of the work.



Acceding to the Terms or Con-

tending With a Strike.

purest in Arizona, but Benbrook dif course, that this was in selfwhen, the man having shot at him. The closely pressed as to what he metered of Morris' struggle with Morris rushed at the defendant and struck at him. Benbrook dodged back into his chair and Merris struck again. Exacutes the end of the fight in the Briants', en after the fatal shot had he hed Benbrook inally sail he but this time Miss Stromberg had jumped between them and the blow hit me cared and excited that he could at rive the movements of Morris nor E jast how everything happened. her, glancing. Witness then got out of lang made this explanation, Ben- | the room, leaving his hat behind him. nes stuck to it.

It still looks as though the case could "I was going to leave the house. At the head of the stairs I met Keene and In so to the jury before Saturday but At the close of the evidence for the defense, the prosecution is sure to Daly, both considerably excited. Keene said "What's the matter Johnny? Where is Morris? What is he doing?" oduce testimony in rebuttal, and te defense is likely to have something I answered. What is the matter with that fellow? He rushed at me like a mad buil and would have knocked me

The arguments will occupy two days. the attorneys actively engaged the trial will speak. Assistant Multy Attorney Van Cott is to open tection in your house. Get a policeman. I was exicted at the time. I said to the State, and he will be followed Mr. Putnam, while Senator Brown

of the defense Lindsav R. Rogers Judge Zane will follow him, and Judge Powers will close.

BENBROOK ON THE STAND.

lle Undergees a Rigid Cross-examination by Senator Brown.

The defendant hardly expected to go the stand yesterday afternoon, and then Judge Powers called him, there tas a gasp of surprise in the crowded out room. The defense had examined he witnesses in attendance and Keene, that he would "go in there and strangle that s- of a b- to death. He ed a dozen times for Police Sergeant ldge, who was absent. Then Judge vers offered in evidence the odds and no one came in reply. After ringing the bell the last time he stepped to the s of testimony from the transcript the preliminary hearing. This used presiderable time, but at the end of door. there was nearly an hour left, and wish of the attorneys for the deto put Benbrook on the stand at beginning of this morning's sesmpleted in one day, was abandoned. The defendant, John H. Benbrook, may be sworn." called out Judge Powsuddenly, and there was an indis-net hum all over the court room as enbrook advanced and took the oath. As he took his seat in the stand, it tas evident that Benbrook was neras. He talked with decision, but the at he put forth to control himself a appear at ease was apparent. is hand slid up and down the poland side of the witness scand, and his are was strained and at times a little Frequently he moistened 1008. his lips, and as he went on, relaxed a His answers to Judge Powers were given quickly.

HIS EARLY LIFE.

Led by Judge Powers, the witness at hurriedly over his whole life. He me by the wrists, I was weak. I was tated that he was 43 years of age, was in fear of my life all the time, I did not know whether he was armed or not. He was able to handle me from an at Fayetteville, Arkansas, and red there on the farm until he was is years of age. Then he went to Los Angeles, where he worked on a farm, and from there to Globe, Arizona, where engaged in mining for several skin off my fingers. was. While there he was a deputy Sand and then filled the office of sher-If for an unexpired term under appointtent of the district court. He was also in the saloon business at Globe. He rea the miloon business at Globe. He re-tanted to San Diego, remaining there some manths, and entered upon his carser as a sambler. He then removed to Possix, Arizona, where he conduct-ed a sambling house. In Arizona, he said, fambling house. In Arizona, he said, fambling was a licensed business. He came to Sait Lake from Phoenix in 191, and was employed as a dealer at the was employed as a dealer at the Wasatch gambling house. Later he opened his own place, the Sheep Ranch, on Main street. He had but a slight acquainance with Burton C. Morris, having met him at Ogden once last spring at a baseball game.

LEDA STROMBERG.

His acquaintance with Miss Strom-This acquaintance with Miss Strom-berg began in iss2, and had known her oute well. On July 17 last he was pre-paring to leave the city on a trip to San Francisce. About 2 o'clock on the af-ternoon of that day, he was at the Mer-chants' Cafe, when Mr. Keens told him Miss Stromberg had been in and inhall Miss Stromberg had been in and quired for him, saying the wished when, while standing on the sidewalk standing to see me."

"No." "You say there was nothing improp-r between you. But you were a mar-Shortly afterwards, and while still engaged in conversation, there was a knock at the doop Benbrook opened it, and Morris rushed in saying, "You ere the s- of a b- I have to settle with." ried man. Do you think it was for you to be there eating and drinking with her?" "I suppose it was."

"You never heard anything from the note to Miss Neibour?" "No, ser - Martinetr - Antonio and

Coanting up the calls to the room made by the Waiter Daly, witness conhad cluded that he was in there five times. After the messenger left, Benbrook resumed his conversation with Miss Stromberg and talked for some time, until there was a rap at the door. Witness supposed the messenger had re-turned and opening it, found Morris there. Benbrook did not say anything to Morris as the latter come on in.

"I stepped over to my seat, when he came at me and struck, but I dodged and he did not hit me, nor did he succeed in hitting me at all in that room. Miss Stromberg grabbed hold of him after the first blow. After the second blow, witness left the room and was unable to say whether or not Miss Stromberg said anything to him or not. "I went out into the hall way, intending to go down stairs. At the head

hold of me he will beat me to death. Keene then said, 'Daly, go get my gun, and to me said, 'Come into this room, Now you stay here, in this room, and I of the stairs, Keene and Daly came will go and talk with Morris. I will quiet him.' I said, 'Don't leave me here; go get an officer.' Keene went out and Daly came rushing in and handed me-this gun. There was no napkin around rushing up. Witness then detailed his conversation with Keene exactly as given on his

direct examination. "Didn't you intend, when you took that gun from Daly," asked Senator Brown, "to use it on Burton C. Morris?

Benbrook stated that he became more nervous as he remained, particularly as he heard Morris say, apparently to "I did not," replied Benbrook, "I wasn't thinking of using it at all." "The statement of Daly that you sent him to Keene for this gun is false, rang the annunciator several times, but

"It is " "And the statement of Keene that he and not Daly brought you the gun is also false?

THE FINAL STRUGGLE. "It is." "Did you hear Keene talking when At that moment Morris came to the

Daly came up?" "Not until after Daly had come up. door or room 3, with his fist drawn back to strike. Witness jumped back and Keene had said he was going in to see put up his hand to ward off the blow. "Then," said the witness, "he rushed Morris, and went out towards room 3, where Morris was. I did not see him at me, grabbed me by the throat and go into the room. I heard Keene tell Morris to stop, and Morris said. 'I will go in and kill the G-d-s- of a b-.' strangled me till my breath was shut off, and my tongue was out of my mouth. I reached for the gun. In the This I heard after Daly brought the rescuille we went against tables and a volver, and as I opened the

chair was upset, and we went down by the window, Morris on top. I drew the gun because I thought I was being killed. I was scared. When we went "Was there any key to the door?" "There was not. I looked for it." "Didn't you know that the walters carried the keys to the doors?" down he had one hand on my throat, and while we were on the floor, I think

'No. "Didn't you ask Daly for the key?"

struggle and was getting on my feet. He grabbed me by the wrist and we "You say you was frightened there. Why, when you had Keene and Daly swung around and fell on the floor by the couch. This time I fell on top. there, didn't you go out with them?" "I don't know why I didn't. I was ex-

I don't know how many times I fired the gun, nor do I know where he was shot. When I got up and he grabbed frightened." cited. "How many times did you open the door before Morris came in?"

"Three times." "I was thinking of going out."

"Why didn't you go?" "I heard these remarks, right close

the time he first struck me. At one time to the door of room 3, and went back." "The first time you saw Morris, in he got hold of the gun and tore the looking out, where was he going?" "Towards room 3, with his back to-

After the officers arrived, Benbrook stood aside and whet Sheets was searchwards me. He was only a little ing him, said: "I've got no gun, George. At the time he struck Morris with the past my door. As soon as I saw him, i stepped back in the room and pushed the hutton. Morris did not turn around "When he went in, why didn't you

THE SECOND ASSAULT.

Describing the second assault by Mor-

ris, witness said he had rung several times for a walter, got no response, and

concluded to get out anyway As he opened the door, Morris was at room 2,

coming towards him. The first blow he

received did not knock him down, but

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gun, he did not know the latter had been shot. Witness supposed he had fired all the shots in the gun. slip away? "I can't say, I wanted to get a THIS MORNING'S EXAMINATION. walter there. Resuming his direct examination of "What did you want a walter for?"

Benbrook, Judge Powers asked: "Did-you at any time during "I wanted him to go into room No. the , close the door, bring me my hat and stand over Morris and fire struggle let me met out." into the body?" "You wasn't waiting for your hat?"

'I did not. "No: I would have been willing to "State whether or not at any time have gone out without been willing to thought I could get out. Still, I did throw off my hat." you took alm?"

"I did not." "Did you see the boy Doolan there at any time?"

"When you went to the door and saw Morris, did you see any one else in the

"I saw Daly, the waiter, there." CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Senator Brown commenced the cross

examination of Benbrook by asking: "When you went up stairs, after Miss Stromberg, who told you where she was?" "Daly, the waiter, did. He told me

staggered him back into the room. In attempting to ward off this blow, wit-ness threw up his hand, not clinched, and with the palm extended.

the Boers, and that they deliberately fired at close range on a stretcher party. Gen. White's garrison has begun to eave Ladysmith and is arriving at the Mooi river camp, where the troops will remain several days, after which they will go farther south. They are emaciated and exhausted and say the road to Colenso presents scenos that exceed in horror those depiates at Dante's In-ferno. Dead men and unimals are lying mutilated and putrified the ing mutilated and putrified in the trenches formerly occupied by the Boers, and fill the air with a sickening

stench. In cases where hurried burial had been attempted the rains have washed the earth away and out of the earth stick ghastly legs and arms of dead burghers.

snow, changing to hail, then to rain, ac A dispatch from Osfontein says that according to the Boer prisoners an im-portant British success will cause Presicompanied by a gale, has resulted in partial demoralization of the telegraph and telephone service and has badly crippled rallway service. Today the Ohio valley and lower lake region is be-ing drenched with rain, which in places dent Steyn to flee to Pretoria, leaving a provisional government at Bloemfontein which is likely to make peace over-tures, those Free Staters not wishing peace trekking toward the Transis driven in perfect clouds by the flierce vaal and helping to make a stand which most of the British military critics now wind. point out will constitute most difficult and deciding features of the war. water supply being partly cut off, as all of the cribs and in-takes are hemmed

The recent rains have afforded Lord in by perfect mountains of ice and only loberts good grass, and copious sup-Roberts good grass, and copious suplies have reached him. News of his so far prevented trouble. advance is eagerly awaited.

The Press Association says that the wifes of President Steyn, of the Free State, is residing at Aberdeen with relatives

building owned by Louis Etting & Sons, Surgeon Treves cables from Ladytogether with a big stock of clothing. smith that the condition of the town most deplorable, and that there are \$00 cases of typhoid fever. Lavish supplies fice, A. A. Carr's undertaking estab-lishment and "The Arc" were also dam-aged. The loss will reach \$75,000. of comforts are now in the place, however.

> Motor Car Inventor Dead.

London, March 6, 8:15 p. m.-The House of Commons in committee of the whole this evening adopted a resolution to authorize a loan of £35,000,000. The car bearing his name, died here today. vote stood 161 to 26. Bynum Supported by Republicans.

Prof. Moses Accepts.

Washington, March 6 .- The Senate committee on finance today authorized Washington, March 6 .- Prof. Bernard a favorable report upon the nomination of Hon. W. D. Eynum as appraiser of Moses of the University of California had a conference with the President tomerchandise at the port of New York. The committee divided on party lines, Mr.McKinley tendered him the day. vacant place in the new Philippine commission and Mr. Moses accepted it. the Republicans supporting and the Democrats opposing confirmation. This completes the commission whose personnel is as follows: Judge Taft, Ohio, president: Dean C. Worcester, Michigan: Luke Wright, Tonnessee;

Henry C. Ide, Vermont; Bernard Moses, California.

Bryan in Texas.

Austin, Texas, March 5 .- William J. Bryan, after a nine weeks' absence touring the United States, arrived here winter home today. He will remain in Austin for several weeks before going on another tour.

Suicide of Prof. Harvey.

Bangcor, Me., March 6 .- Prof. E. L. Harvey, of the University of Maine, shot and killed himself today at his home in Orono. He had been suffering from mental troubles resulting from overwork.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS MEET.

Nominate Candidates for President and Vice President.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 6 .- The first national convention of the Social Democratic party for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President met today at 10 clock in Reichswein's Hall. About fifty delegates were present. Many were expected to arrive during the day. Several of the delegates carried proxies. The two matters of importance be-

fore the convention are the nominations and absorption of the Social Labor party, which is a "bolting" section of the Social Labor party, of which Daniel de Loom of New York was the dividing trees in Calveras and Tuolumne coun-ties, California, the idea being that the grovernment acquire the groves. The power. His side was sustained in court resolutions was adopted. in a controversy over the party blem. The bolting section named J. B. Harriman, of California, for President and Max Hayes of Cleveland, Ohio, for the delicate condition of Admiral Wat-

Vice President. It is proposed that Socialist Labor party, which approximates 15,000 members, amalgamate with the Social Democrats, and accept the nominees of

that party. There is also some talk of a fusion with the middle-of-the-road Populists. way of the Suez canal and Mediteiran. ean sea, stopping at such European ports as he deems proper as was done

Mississippi. They favored the main-tenance of the south pass as well as the development of the southwest pass. Fears for Chicago's Water Supply-Traffic Demoralized.

Chicago, March 6 .-- For the past 36 hours Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebras. SALT LAKE BUILDING BILL. ka, Missouri, Michigan and Wisconsin

Supervising Architect Makes a Favorable Rethrough Wisconsia and Illinois and along Lake Michigan where heavy port to the Committee.

Public Buildings Committee In the House Will Urge the Passage of the Measure for \$200,000 Increase.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."] Washington, D. C., March 6 .- Representative Mercer, chairman of the committee on public buildings, has received from the supervising architect a report on the bill to increase the appropriation for the public building at Salt Lake Kingston, N. Y., March 6.-Fire early today destroyed a large four story brick from the present sum of three hundred thousand to five hundred thousand dol-

> lars. of. This bill has been drawn by the treasury department, because the supervising architect believed the original appropriation was entirely too small for such a city as Salt Lake. The report of the department was of course favorable.

Mercer's committee will urge the passage of the bill.

CORBIN'S RECORD.

Adjutant General Will Stand or Fall Thereby.

Washington, March 6 .- The resolution adopted by the Senate calling for a complete record of the court martial which tried Adjt. Gen. Corbin when Washington, March 6 .-- Before the lieutenant colonel of the Fourteenth colored infantry on a charge of cowardice, and other information as to his military career, called for a mass of papers that will require a week to copy. according to the estimate of the war department. Gen. Corbin, in anticipation of the reply today, addressed to Senator Davis, of Minnesota, an appeal for an immediate examination of his soldierly record from the day he enarmy as a 19-year-old boy, thirty-eight years ago, until now. Moreover, he authorizes the senator to present his (Corbin's) resignation to the President if the search reveals a suggestion of unworthiness. The letter includes the findings of the court martial which most honorably acquitted Licut. Col. 'orbin of the charge, Gen Grant's let-Washington, March .- The House reter, conferring upon him two brevets sumed the consideration of the Aldrich-Robbins contested election case from for gallant service at the time he was charged with cowardice, and finally, a letter from the colonel of the regiment, the fourth Alabama district, which was taken up last Friday. Mr. Robbins, the sitting member, who is a Democrat, took the floor for an hour in defense of cho preferred the charge, praising his

Omaha's Election.

work in the campaign,

Omaha, March 6 .- The storm subsided odny and heightened the intense inter-Washington, March 6 .- At the Senest in the municipal election. Up to ate's session today Mr. Hansbrough (N. noon there had been a large vote polled. D.) reported a House joint resolution directing the secretary of the interior No disturbance of any kind has occurred and none of the threatened arto place under bond the "mammoth tree grove" and the South Park grove of big rests have been made.

Goebel Election Law Stands.

Frankfort, March 6 .- The house by a party vote killed the bill introduced by Representative Haswell (Rep.), which proposed to repeal the Goebel election Washington, March 6 .- On account of law.

Mrs. Lawton Gets \$98,432.07.

son's health, he has been authorized to transfer his flag to the Baltimore, which Washington, March 6 .- Gen. Corbin today turned over to Mrs. Lawton, widow of the late Major General Law-ton, the fund subscribed by the people of the country. It amounted to \$98.vessel is to be detached from the Asiat. ie squadron, and to proceed home by way of the Suez canal and Mediteiran. 432.07.

Charleston, W. Va., March 6 .- The Red Ash mine is not in the Montgomery district, as at first reported, but in the Thurmond district. It belongs to J. Fred Effinger, of Staunton, Va.

The mines are on the mountain side above water, and the coal is similar to that found in the Pocahontas district. On this account it is said here the accident cannot be caused by fire damp nor gas but from dust, as was the case in one of the tragedies some years ago in a Pocahontas mine. The district is a wild one on Rush Run, which is a south branch of New River, having its mouth at Thurmond. It is about sixty-five

miles from this city. The miners occupied dwellings in the vicinity of the mines. While the mines are in a very rugged country, yet the town of Thurmond is one of the best advanced of the new mining towns in West Virginia. Through the generosity of Mr. McKell, and other rich land owners this town has many improvements that are not usually found in the mining districts. It has some pretentious businses buildings including a fine opera house and public library as well as churches and a fine school house.

Tried for Goebel's Murder.

Frankfort, Ky., March 6 .- The court house was packed today at the examin-ing trial of Harian Whittaker on the charge of assassinating Gov. Goebel. The prosecutor was assisted by Col. L.

C. Campbell, of New York. All the witnesses today were those participating in Whittaker's arrest, in-cluding the detectives. The defense did not cross-examine any witnesses Whittaker was held to the grand jury without ball.

Ferries Grounded.

Detroit, Mich., March 6 .- Five car ferries, carrying east and west bound passenger trains over the Wabash and Michigan Central railroads, were grounded either on pack ice or on the shallow middle ground of the river for intervals of two to eight hours last night and today. All the boats were eleased without inconvenience beyond

the delay. The storm has ceased and the weather today turned soft and mild.

Nominated by the President.

Washington, March 6 .- The President today sent the following nominations to

the Senate: Justice-Melville C. Brown, of Wyoming, United States district judge for the district of Alaska.

War-Pay department: Captain Francis L. Payson, assistant quarter-master U. S. V., to be paymaster, with the rank of major. department: Captain

Puerto Rican regiment of infantry-To be captains: J. M. Carter, Fifth United States cavalry; Christian Briand, adjutant Puerto Rican bat-talion; J. T. Ord, Puerto Rico battalion; Wm. P. Butler, late major First Illinois

volunteer eavairy. To be first lleutenants-O. P. Towns-hend, late captain Ninth Illinois volun-teers: Second Lieutenant H. T. Cooper, Puerto Rico battallon; Second Lleuten-ant J. E. Wyke, Puerto Rico battallon. To be second lleutenants - W. F. Mar-tin, late first lleutenant Sixth Missour volunteers: Eben Swift Jr., late second deutenant Seventh Illinois volunteers: First Sergeant Paul Wuttke, company A, Puerto Rico battallon; Charles B, Kerney, first sergeant light battery A, Missouri volunteers; Frederick W, Hawe, late private company G, First United States cavalry.

Coeur d'Alene investigation was resumed today the house military committee held an executive session and decided not to call on the President for affidavits filed with him relative to the conditions in the mining country under martial law. This decision was due to some question as to the right to make such re-quests of the President, and more particularly because the affidavits were not

considered logal evidence. Andrew Deviln, a miner, was the first witness today. His evidence was di-rected to showing that orderly conditions prevailed and that the local au-thorities could have dealt with the situ-

The Idabo Riot Investigation.

his right to the seat.

ation without a resort to martial law. Robbins Speaks in His Own Behalf.

To Buy the Big Trees.

Admiral Watson Coming Home.

