

FIFTIETH YEAR.

BOER WAS RUDE
TO GEN. METHUENBritish General Makes Complaint
of Gen. Cronje.

ENGLISH PRAISE ENGLAND.

How the British Troops Stood Up
Against the Boers—Lord Roberts
Decries—Queen Not Hysterical.London, Dec. 21, 4:30 p. m.—The war
office has received the following from
the Forester-Walker, the British
commander at Capetown:"Capetown, Wednesday, Dec. 20.—
I have the honor to acknowledge the
reply from Gen. Cronje respecting
the representations as to Lieut. Chan-
celor-Gell, saying this officer is re-
spected as a spy."Gen. Cronje also states he will hold
no further communication with Methu-
en.On Dec. 18 the British war office re-
ceived the following, dated Sunday, Dec.
17, from Gen. Forester-Walker:"Methu en reports that Lieut. Chan-
celor-Gell was taken prisoner last
Friday evening, meeting a flag of
truce. He waved a handkerchief in re-
sponse and was unarmed."There was no news from South Africa
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the British forced the passage of the river.which the alleged dishonest deal in
military supplies was ordered, and had
no part in the transaction. He asserts
further that the records of the board
show no action inimical to the State.The governor has received the resig-
nations of Quartermaster General
White and Inspector General Marsh.
Both state that they can establish
their innocence on trial.Both branches of the legislature ad-
journ today until next Wednesday.
Some of the Privy representatives
sought the adjournment of the session
without avail.The senate passed the house joint
resolution authorizing proceedings to
recover the money alleged to be lost
to the State by the military board deal.Melbourne, Victoria, Dec. 21.—The
Argus of this city publishes a forecast
of the wheat harvest of this colony, in
which it says that the average yield is
9.37 bushels per acre, and that the
exportable surplus is 13,000,000 bushels.
In 1898 the produce of wheat per acre
in Victoria was 6.38 bushels, in 1897,
4.49 bushels, in 1896, 4.01 bushels, in 1895,
8.38 bushels, and in 1894, 10.38 bushels.

Strike for 10c a Day.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 21.—A strike be-
gan today at the Hyde Park and Ox-
ford collieries of the D. L. & W. com-
pany. The strikers demand an in-
crease of 10 cents per day, making a wage scale of
\$1.47 per day. There is a possibility of
the strike spreading to the other col-
lieries operated by that company.
Committees have been appointed to
wait upon the superintendent of the
coal department in the hope of effecting
a settlement.

THE NEW SAMOAN TROUBLE.

German Officials say It Amounts to but
Little.Washington, Dec. 21.—The following
statement is made by the German
officials here:A press telegram of the 13th inst. from
Apia via Auckland, reports that the
German consul in Apia has solemnly
proclaimed the pending annexation
of Upolu and Savaii by Germany to the
German man-of-war and that on the
same day he hoisted the German flag on
the Supreme court."The German consul likewise wired
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GEN. LAWTON.It Is Coming in Shape of Contribu-
tions for His Family.

ONE MAN HAS GIVEN \$1,000

Liberal Responses from All Over the
Country—Bringing Home the
Hero's Body.Washington, Dec. 21.—Adjutant Gen-
eral Corbin, the head of the committee
charged with the collection of funds for
the benefit of the family of the late Gen.
Lawton, is in receipt of expressions of
sympathy and of willingness to co-
operate from all quarters of the country.
Some of these are accompanied by con-
tributions of money, and altogether
there is promise of a generous response
to the committee's appeal issued yester-
day.Gen. Charles King telegraphed from
Milwaukee that the committee might
count on a proper response from that
city to the appeal.The brokerage firm of Worden & Co.
of New York has voluntarily under-
taken to collect funds on the stock ex-
change. The committee aims to collect
at least \$50,000.The first contribution in Washington
came from a clerk in the war depart-
ment, who contributed \$2 from his salary
to start the list of contributors.Gen. Corbin received a telegram from
Gen. R. A. Alger saying:"I send \$100 for the Lawton fund."
Major Gen. Shafter at San Francisco
telegraphed that he will do everything
in his power to help Mrs. Lawton.A telegram was received from Mr. C. H.
Hamilton of Milwaukee saying that the
citizens of that city authorized him to
raise \$1,000 to send to the committee.Other contributions received this
morning are as follows:
Secretary John Hay, \$100; Assistant
Secretary H. C. Taylor, \$100; Mrs. Addi-
son Porter, \$100; McCoskey Brunt of
New York, \$100.The Riggs National Bank of this city
has been designated as the depository
of the Lawton fund.Lieut. Col. Clarence Edwards, who
was temporarily acting as Gen. Law-
ton's chief of staff has been instructed
by the secretary of war to superintend
was temporarily acting as Gen. Law-
ton's remains and accompany them to this
country.Manila, Dec. 21, 5:45 p. m.—Gen. Law-
ton's body will be removed from his late
residence to the cemetery tomorrow.
In accordance with Mrs. Lawton's wish
there will be no ceremony, only a
private funeral. The staff and staff
and Lieut. Stewart's troop of the Fourth
cavalry, which accompanied Gen. Law-
ton through the campaign, will compose
the escort. The actual ceremonies will
take place in about ten days, when the
transport sails, under the direction of
Gen. Schwan and with military honors.The civil organizations, including the
supreme court, will participate, and
Senor Calderon will lead the Filipinos
who were associated with Gen. Lawton
in the organization of the municipali-
ties.Senor Calderon said it was "the sad-
dest day to the Filipino nation to see
lost not only the foremost advocate of
peace, but their best friend."Mrs. Lawton bears her grief bravely.
President McKinley's and Secretary
Root's message to Major Gen. Ode have
been posted at the palace, where the
flags are half-masted.

China Yielding to France.

Pekin, Dec. 21.—L. Hung Chang has
been appointed acting viceroy of Can-
ton. It is believed this is preparatory
to his degradation in compliance with
the French demands.

To Defend a Bank Teller.

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 21.—Lawyer
Ailin has arrived here to defend Fred
T. Moore, formerly assistant teller of
the National Bank of Commerce of
Boston, who was arrested in October
last at Valparaiso charged with em-
bezzling \$50,000 from the bank.

Political League Convention.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The American
Political league has issued a call for
a national convention for the nomi-
nation of candidates for President and
Vice President of the United States to
be held in Boston July 4, 1900. The
councils of each State are directed to
appoint two delegates at large.

Oceanic Is Safe.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—The White Star
liner Oceanic, from New York Decem-
ber 13th, arrived here at 2 o'clock this
morning.The Oceanic, which was reported
overdue, was only about sixteen hours
behind her best record. The anxiety
for her probably arose from the big
liner not having called at Queenstown
as usual. The Oceanic did not stop at
Queenstown on account of a dense fog
which prevailed when Daunt's Rock
was reached.

Killed at a Fire.

Iola, Kas., Dec. 21.—A fire which start-
ed in the kiln room at 6 o'clock this
morning destroyed \$250,000 worth of
property belonging to the Lanyon Zinc
company at Lanyonville, five miles east
of Iola. The 200-foot metal-lined
smokestack fell, killing Jess Matthews
and J. B. Schaub. About half of the
plant was destroyed. The loss is cov-
ered by insurance. The works em-
ployed about 200 men.

Milwaukee Is Confident.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A special to the
Chronicle from Milwaukee, Wis., says:
The committee having charge of the
work to bring the National Democratic
convention to Milwaukee insists that
the chances of this city are still the
best. Mayor Rose is going East to do
missionary work for the cause. He said:
"I will leave for Washington on Janu-
ary 15 and will see the Democratic
members of Congress in the interest of
Milwaukee. From Washington I will go
through Maryland, Delaware, New Jer-
sey and New York, and I may possibly
visit some of the New England cities
for the purpose of seeing the national
committees of those States, or as
many of them as I am able to find.
From the assurances that the local com-
mittee has received I feel that we have
an excellent chance of securing the con-
vention."TO BE EXAMINED
AS TO HIS SANITYCharles H. Schwed Removed from
the City to the County Jail.

HAS CUT UP MANY ANTICS.

Is the Man Who Made Things Lively
Around the Dooly Block Some
Time Ago.Poor, half-demented, wild-eyed
Charles H. Schwed was today taken
from the vile old city jail to the county
jail.Tomorrow morning the little Ger-
man will be tried for insanity and,
without doubt, be committed to the
asylum at Provo.The career of the unfortunate man
during the last few weeks is decidedly
interesting.Schwed has been a regular attendant
at the police court for upwards of five
years, but it is not certain that that
is the cause of his state of non compos
mentis.First sprang into prominence
about four weeks ago by going into a
room in the Dooly building and trying
to turn himself into a cyclone. He
smashed the windows, tore up the cur-
tains and when a squad of stalwart
police arrived on the scene was en-
gaged in flogging the walls and ceiling
with a couple of quarts of ink. Judge
Timmony discharged him but in less
than five hours he was again in the
clutches of the law. It appears that he
entered a room in Mrs. Meyer's lodging
house and repeated his Dooly building
performance with numerous amend-
ments. The night following his arrest
he smothered Mike Boyle with a bottle
of liniment. It is said that Schwed was
not at all to blame for this act. Mike
was caught drinking the liniment
thinking it was whisky. When Deputy
Sheriff Sam Dowse called at the sta-
tion to take him to the county jail,
Schwed was asked why he broke things
up. Said he: "I am all time annoyed
by telephone company by ringing
of bells in my ear. Day say to me
that some men is all under my bed
trying to tie my legs under I have no
time to think at all.""My life is in danger and no time to
vash my feet."Schwed has a brother in California
who has been sending him \$15 a month,
but since last September has heard
nothing from him.

TOOK THE JEWELRY.

Counsellman Morris's Residence Entered
Last Night.While City Counsellman Robert Morris
and family were attending an entertain-
ment last night some bold burglar broke
into the house, No. 237 south Tenth
East street, and purloined all the jewel-
ry he could lay his fingers on.The burglary was committed about
10 o'clock. The burglar was made by pry-
ing open a window in the bath room.
The house was apparently ransacked
from cellar to garret, as everything
was turned topsy turvey. The follow-
ing articles were taken: One gold neck-
lace, two watch chains, one silver
watch, three pair of ear rings, one
black braided chain, three breast pins,
one gold watch and chain and \$15 cash.
The burglary was at once reported to
the police, who are busily working on
the case.

"COL" STEPTOE IS ILL.

Effort Will Be Made to Have Him
Paroled.An effort will be made in the near
future to influence Mayor Clark to par-
don "Col." Steptoe, the colored man
who is now serving a fifty days' sen-
tence in the old rockery for carrying
concealed weapons. The colonel is sick.
Dr. Keogh has been notified and will
examine into the condition of Steptoe.
If he proves to be as ill as Dr. Keogh and
Chief Hilton will recommend his pardon.

A NEW MATRON.

The announcement is made on good
authority that Mrs. C. Tyler will be the
next matron of the city jail, and will
also have the contract of feeding the
prisoners. To some, the announcement
was quite a surprise as it was believed
around police headquarters that the
present incumbent, Mrs. B. C. Y. Ham-
met, was scheduled for reappointment.Mrs. Tyler filled the position for some
time during the time Arthur Pratt was
chief of police. The position is a lucra-
tive one. Mrs. Tyler will receive house
rent \$20 per month and 7 1/2 cents per
prisoner each meal.

BLAZE WITHOUT DAMAGE.

A fire broke out in a small brick
building adjacent to the Sisters' Ac-
ademy this morning. The blaze was
caused by the explosion of a small
gasoline stove. One of the men em-
ployed at the Academy was thawing
out the frozen water pipes and the
lamp suddenly exploded, setting fire to
the place. No one was hurt and very
little damage was done. The scare was
sufficient, however, to call out the en-
gines and hook and ladder.

L. D. S. COLLEGE BALL.

An invitation to attend an informal
reception ball and festival to the stu-
dents of the L. D. S. college was today
received by the "News." The affair is
to be held at Christensen's dancing
academy tomorrow night and the in-
vitation thereto is splendidly executed by
hand on stylish paper and is signed by
President J. H. Paul of the institution,
and by the committee having the func-
tion in charge.

LICENSED TO MARRY.

Marriage licenses were issued today
to John K. Crosby, Jr., 21, and Sarah
Groves, 21, both of Bountiful; James
Peterson, 31, of Farmers' ward, and
Joanna Astor, 19, of Mill Creek.

DEPUTY SEARE ILL.

Deputy County Clerk Albert G. Seare
was not at his office today. He was
reported to be quite sick.THE RATES TO BE
SURELY RAISEDRe-Classification of Articles Will
be Made, Spite of Everything.

NOT LOOKING FOR REASONS

Railways Plead Advance in Operat-
ing Expenses Justifies Putting Up
the Freight Rates.A hearing was begun at Washington
today by the interstate commerce com-
mission in the matter of changes in
freight classification and advances in
freight rates by carriers using the clas-
sification.Many complaints have been filed with
the commission alleging that discrim-
inating changes in freight classifica-
tion have been agreed upon to take ef-
fect on January 1, 1900. To determine
this question the hearing of today was
held. Many of the most prominent rail-
way officials of the eastern part of the
country attended the hearing, and rep-
resentatives of large shipping interests
of the same section were also present.At the opening of the hearing Mr. C.
E. Gill of New York, chairman of the
"Official classification committee," said
the railroads were without knowledge of
the persons who had requested the hear-
ing, and asked that they be called upon
to state wherein the proposed changes
were unjust. Mr. Gill maintained that
the proposed advances in freight rates
were due to the increased cost of rail-
road plants and maintenance, and the
advances have been applied to classes of
freights that could well pay them.Mr. Gill's contention that the shippers
be first interrogated, was overruled and
he himself was put on the stand. He
said that all protests would be consid-
ered by the classification committee,
but the committee was satisfied the pro-
posed advances were necessary on ac-
count of increased cost of railway oper-
ations. He intimated that for the same
reasons further advances against the
would have been made upon many ar-
ticles. Mr. Gill maintained that exist-
ing rates of freight were unjustifiably
low.The course of a long examination by
W. A. Day, attorney for the committee,
Mr. Gill gave no reasons for the pro-
posed advances upon special articles or
classes of freight except the general
reasons which applied to all freight.
He maintained that the proposed new
classifications generally speaking were
restorations of freight rates which pre-
vailed in times past when commercial
and trade conditions were similar to
what they now are. His replies to a
long series of questions indicated that
his own belief and that of his colleagues
on the classification committee was the
recent marked advance in the price of
railway equipment and operation—
steel rails and all forms of steel and
iron, etc.—rendered it necessary for the
railroads to advance freight rates to
advance freight rates. He said freight
rates had been on a gradually descend-
ing scale for twenty years. The pro-
posed rates would be higher or lower than
the rates which prevailed in 1882.In a statement to the commission, At-
torney Day said a comparison of the
proposed rates on certain specific arti-
cles showed that the new rates would
be higher than ever had existed since
the commission was created.Judge C. A. Prouty, a member of the
commission, instituted a line of in-
quiry, the questions and answers in-
dicating that in 1887 the railroads paid
more for steel rails and other articles
of equipment than they had to pay
now. In view of these facts, he de-
sired to know why the classification
committee deemed it necessary to in-
crease the rates. Mr. Gill replied as
he had previously done, that in the
rates on articles which had advanced
they could well stand them, and the
railroads needed the additional revenue
which the advances would give them.
He indicated by his answers that the
present prices of articles and the prices
in 1887 had little if anything to do with
the action of the committee except
that in a general way the proposed new
rates would be higher or lower than
the rates which prevailed in 1882.The Bishopric of the Church took par-
ticular pleasure today in pointing out
the railroads needed the additional revenue
fact that the best portions of it came
from animals raised on the Church
Farm. The carcasses of a 1,000 pound
Devon cow was as fine as anything ever
seen on the local market. Four one-
year-old dressed hogs lay the scales
at a little more than 1,500 pounds, while
a porker of the same age raised by
Bishop Burton reaches the 400 pound
mark. A spring lamb weighs 75
pounds and 20 muttons average 82 1/2
pounds.The butcher shop is pleasantly pre-
sided over by William H. Guiver and
the produce and mercantile depart-
ments, which are constantly receiving
better are under the untiring and faith-
ful supervision of Joseph Keddinton.

LECTURE AT SYNAGOGUE.

Rabbi C. H. Lowenstein will lecture
at the Jewish synagogue tomorrow
night, having for his subject the "In-
spiration of the Bible." The lecture is
to begin at 8 o'clock and the public is
invited.

HOLIDAY ADJOURNMENT.

Judge Marshall Will Hold Court Again
Next Tuesday.On the closing of yesterday's session
of the United States court, it was ad-
journed by Judge Marshall until next
Tuesday, the 26th inst.

SETTLING OF CASES.

The following is the remainder of the
list of cases and the date of their set-
tling in the United States court. The
other cases were published in last
evening's "News":
John Rosengren vs De Lamars Mer-
cure Mines Co., Thursday, Jan. 11.
William Adamson et al vs Ogden
City, Friday, Jan. 12.
William Adamson et al vs Henry
Seeger, Friday, Jan. 12.
Gerthe Sorenson vs Southern Pacific
Co., Saturday, Jan. 13.
Luigi Bancheve vs De Lamars Mer-
cure Mines Co., Tuesday, Jan. 16.
W. A. McManis vs Southern Pacific
Co., Wednesday, Jan. 17.
In the matter of Butterfield & Crane,
bankrupt, Friday, Jan. 19.
Alexander McKendrick vs De La-
mure Mercure Mines Co., Monday, Jan. 22.
Conglomerate Mining Co. vs T. R.
Jones et al, Tuesday, Jan. 23.
Walter Westerman vs De Lamars
Mercure Mines Co., Tuesday, Jan. 23.
Frank J. Nugent vs William Gar-
land, Wednesday, Jan. 24.
E. M. Webb vs A. J. Hooker, Thurs-
day, Jan. 25.
Katie Yeargion, etc., vs Southern Pa-
cific Co., Thursday, Jan. 25.

INVOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY.

Yesterday a petition was filed in the
United States court to force Matt Col-
lison, Jr., late of the Merchants' Cafe,
into involuntary bankruptcy. The peti-
tion was signed by three prominent
wholesale firms, and it charges Collis-
on with fraud. But Collison denies it
strongly, claiming that the Bank of
Commerce ruined him, by failing to
keep its cashier's word. And this so
far as Collison is concerned is the
sequel to the Bonbrook story.