

days before the convention. It has a membership of about 2,000 Populist editors from all parts of the country.

The national Reform party will meet in conference with the national committee of the People's party in St. Louis the day preceding the latter party's convention.

The national party, led by John P. St. John, has also been invited to the conference, but no reply has been received.

CLAYTON, Wis., June 24.—A cyclone swept over a section of country four miles south of here. A number of dwellings and barns were demolished. One man, name unknown, was fatally injured.

PRINCETOWN, Wis., June 24.—The house of John Seaman, about four miles south of Neeshkoro, was struck by lightning and his two daughters, aged 6 and 8 respectively, were killed.

NEW YORK, June 24.—A special to the World from Santiago, Cuba, says:

The failure of Spain to conquer the Cuban patriots, besides being proved by the continuous defeats of the troops in the field of battle, the lack of money in her treasury and poor credit she enjoys, is also plainly seen by the supreme effort made in sending money, men and war material to Cuba since the beginning of the struggle with such poor success. In March, 1895, Spain sent to Cuba \$500,000; in April \$400,000; in August \$1,600,000; in September \$1,400,000; in October \$700,000; in November \$1,700,000; in December \$4,000,000; in January, 1896, \$2,000,000; in February \$3,000,000, a total of \$19,321,000. From March, 1895, to April 10, 1896, Spain has sent to Cuba 40 generals, 662 chiefs, 4,768 captains and lieutenants, 3,396 sub-lieutenants, 112,560 corporals and soldiers, 143 cannons, 150,111 rifles, 5,000 bayonets, 23, 124 cases of canister shot, 61,878,367 cartridges and 72,326 kilograms of gunpowder. These figures are taken from El Liberal, one of the first newspapers of Madrid.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 24.—A fire in the Jeffrey and Co's. Nicollet street store last night was checked before it seriously damaged the building. The stock was damaged to the amount of \$30,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—G. W. Noel, a prominent Shanghai merchant in the city. Speaking of Chinese commercial affairs he said: "There has been great business activity since the war, especially at Hong Kong and Shanghai. Under the new treaty foreigners may import goods. As a result five great cotton mills are going up at Shanghai, under German, British and American supervision. They will probably make 250,000 bales of coarse cotton yarn a year, which is the amount now imported from India."

"Bank stocks have greatly appreciated since the war, in some cases jumping from 73 per cent to 123 per cent. Another encouraging sign is the building of railroads. The road from Peking to Hang Chow and from there to Canton will no doubt be built. The Chinese were taught the value of roads by the late war."

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Comptroller Eekies has undertaken an extensive inquiry to learn the various kinds of credit instruments and money held by all the banking institutions in the United States. He has sent out

21,000 letters to national banks, state and private banks and loan and trust companies asking for information on these points. A year ago the comptroller made an investigation of this kind, but he confined it to the 5,000 national banks. The result of that investigation was so interesting and valuable that he decided to make a new one this year, which should include every banking institution in the United States. The information will be sent to the comptroller on July 1, and will be tabulated and published in his annual report to be issued next December.

LONDON, June 24.—A Capetown dispatch to the Times says John Hays Hammond will sail from there for home today. The dispatch also says: "A telegram from Salisbury says the whole country around that point has risen and relief is anxiously awaited, many outlying places being defenseless."

"Stations along the Umtali and Salisbury road have been attacked and Motungella's store has been looted and six of its defenders killed. A number of isolated men along the road have also been killed. It is feared 50,000 Martini cartridges fell into the hands of the rebels."

"A telegram from Fort Chester announces that that point is surrounded by rebels and that the inmates have been captured by the rebels, who killed the native herdsmen. There is an intense feeling concerning Capetown, there being so many well-known people in danger."

The Daily Telegraph has a dispatch from Pretoria, dated June 24th, which says circumstantial rumors are in circulation there that Salisbury has been attacked by the rebellious natives and captured, about fifty natives having been killed in the assault and fearfully mutilated.

London, June 25.—Later dispatches received here from Capetown announce that Salisbury has been relieved by the arrival of a small body of imperial troops bringing a Maxim gun, rifles and ammunition.

Buluwayo, June 24.—Burnham, the American scout, has killed the native "god," Milmo, in a cave in the Matopos hills. It was impossible to capture him alive, owing to the numbers of Kaffirs in the vicinity.

Burnham is now burning all the kraals in the hills.

London, June 25.—A Chronicle dispatch from Buluwayo says the scouts, Burnham and Armstrong, went alone to find Milmo, the native "god," and found him in a cave. When they attempted to arrest him the rebels prevented their doing so. Burnham then shot Milmo. It is further reported that three other scouts have gone to capture three of Milmo's assistants, and if they are equally successful, it will paralyze the rebellion which is just rising to the west of Buluwayo.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—James J. Corbett, champion of the world, was all but knocked out last night in a four round contest with Tom Sharkey, champion of the navy. The referee declared the contest a draw, but it is doubtful if he will be supported by public opinion. Corbett clinched Sharkey throughout the entire fourth round to avoid punishment. The

champion was breathing heavily and apparently greatly exhausted when the round closed, while Sharkey seemed as fresh as at the beginning. Sharkey even refused to stop fighting at the end of the bout, and made a vicious rush for Corbett. Six policemen leaped into the ring and three officers grabbed Sharkey. The marine refused to be restrained, and struck one of the policemen a vicious blow. More policemen jumped into the ring and Sharkey was finally escorted to his corner.

CANTON, O., June 25.—Governor McKinley is daily receiving assurances from Colorado and other Western states of the hearty support at the polls and assurances that there is no disaffection in that territory on account of the financial plank.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 25.—In the presence of some 200 prominent citizens of St. Louis, the long distance telephone which connects this city with the east, north and south, was inaugurated yesterday. From the director's room in the Merchants' Exchange building messages were talked over the wire to New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Memphis, Milwaukee, Cleveland and Louisville and other cities.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—A long and bitter struggle involving a scheme of white men to obtain control of the Omaha Indian lands in Nebraska was ended today by Secretary Smith's approval of two leases to Mrs. Rosalie Farley of over 20,000 acres of land in the Omaha reservation. Mrs. Farley is a member of the tribe. The approval of the leases was opposed by the Nebraska senators and championed by Congressman Meiklejohn.

HAVANA, June 26.—A royal decree has been issued authorizing the Spanish bank here to emit \$12,000,000 in gold bills, in denominations of ten, five, three and one dollars, and in fractional denominations of fifty, twenty, ten and five cents, and the above sum to be delivered by the local treasury in payment of current obligations. The government will deposit in the vaults of the bank \$3,000,000 in silver, besides a part of the stamp tax collected by it. The government is authorized to enforce the circulation of these notes.

La Lucha strongly disapproves the emission. El Comercio, the organ of the retailers, attacks the project bitterly. Other newspapers here simply give the news without comment.

All the commercial organizations propose to hold a meeting to discuss the measure which has created dissatisfaction.

ALLIANCE, O., June 26.—Tuesday afternoon while Thomas Richards, a resident of Gaskill street, was standing on his porch during a heavy rain-storm, he was startled by a flash and a blinding sound. The next instant he felt a concussion which shook the ground and rattled the windows of his house. Richards came to the conclusion that his home had been visited by a meteor and has been hunting for it ever since. This afternoon he found a hole in the ground within four feet of his house, around which the tall grass had been burned. Richards gouged down into the earth and found near the surface a meteor. The aerolite is in the shape of a spheroid and weighs