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LOSING SCENES IN MILLS MURDER TRIAL

ourt Room Crowded While the Arguments are Being Made-Mr. Straup Makes the Opening Address for the Defense.

plain Mills Overcome with Emotion as the Vivid Pictures are Drawn, While Mrs. O'Melveney Smiles Incredulously-Judge Powers' Mighty Effort for the Defense This Afternoon-Is Listened to with Breathless Attention During His Masterly Address-County Attorney Putnam Will Close for the Prosecution and a Powerful Argument is Expected from Him-The Question of Justification Considered in All Its Bearings-Speculation as to the Verdict.

God bless and watch over you wherever you may be is the last prayer of your erring wife. I well remember the last kiss you gave me. When I am dead,

if you can, and I have become the least

bit worthy, kiss me a last good bye." The woman who held these thoughts

he closing scenes in the Mills mur- pathetic things in the history of this case. It was the message from his case are now being enacted and curtain will soon fall in the final

of this tragedy. great crowd completely filled every a of the court room this morning every incident received attention. ther surprising freature was the ber of ladies in attendance, and was particularly noticeable at the noon session, due, no doubt, to the viedge that Judge Powers was to

In her heart was naturally a pure woman, a woman of gentle nature. The days went on. He came back from van Cott's opening for the dewas a very fine effort, and to Provo after a vain attempt to work, and went to his friend, O'Melveney. He tried to confide in him. bat that, Mr. Straup opened for the ase promptly at 9:30 o'clock, speak-O'MELVENEY'S FRIENDSHIP. anti noon

he proceeded, the scene was a king one. The attorney's eloquent rayal of Captain Mill's sufferings the tribute paid to the erring wife ight tears to the defendant's eyes, Mrs. O'Melveney, who had gone uzh a similar experience, when Mr. Cott spoke, now sat with an cal smile on her face.

It was the reply of Iago to Othello, 'I think she is virtuous.' Words that are half freighted have more weight upon a man's mind than though you spoke it right out. They go up to the Eagle Gate, and O'Melveney is informed of dge Powers' address was a mighty rt. It seemed as though he had sumo his aid all the resources of

Sensational Charges of Attorney Lindsay Rogers Unlock the Secret as to Who the Man Was That Dined and Wined With Albert Morris, Nana Witbeck and Emma Matheson at the Merchants' Cafe, Prior to the Terrible Tragedy That Occurred at That Place in the Killing of Burton C. Morris, by John H. Benbrook-Colonel Theodore Bruback Proves to be the Man Wanted-Subponæd by Prosecution-Now Believed That the Misses Witbeck and Matheson Will be Brought Back.

In asking for a continuance of the | Burton C. Morris was assaulted and | companion was the result of a desire | loss to account for the statement made Benbrook murder trial before Judge Norrell yesterday, Attorney Lindsay R. Rogers, for the defense, said that a witness for the State had furnished the money which carried away from town Nana Witbeck and Emma Matheson, the two girls who were witnesses in the case, and that the defense was thereby placed at disadvantage.

This sensational charge proved to be testify it seemed apparent that some-thing was being withheid, and that they were laboring under a feeling of the key which has unlocked the armor of mystery surrounding the presence of a fourth person at the Albert Mor-Imposed or otherwise. There were persistent rumors that during the tragedy a fourth person, aside from the principals, was gresent in these private dining rooms of the Merchants' cafe, but who this party was did not come out in the prelimin-ary examination. An effort to locate the person was made and almost all manner of means exhausted to discover ris-Nana Witbeck-Miss Matheson dinner party at the Merchant's cafe prior to the tragedy. In order that the reader may understand the situation more clearly it is necessary to briefly state the facts leading up to the disclosures of today.

It was on the evening of Monday, July 17th, 1899, that the tragedy occurred in which Burton C. Morris lost his life. The several circumstances and incidents attendant upon the affair, as wife that said, "Show me a little mercy. No one knows how I am suffering, but not more than I deserve. If the time ever comes when you think you can forgive me breathe the words and living or dead, I will hear. May Cod bless and match care you whenever gleaned from the testimony of some of those who were in the vicinity of the affray, shows that the shooting occurred about as follows:

Burton C. Morris, in answer to a note of invitation, visited the Merchants' cafe upon the evening in question and went up stairs to the private dining rooms, where he found John Benbrook in company with Miss Leda Stromberg. A conversation arose between them and subsequently a quarrel en-sued, followed by an encounter in which

manner of means exhausted to discover the identity. During the time he was at the res-taurant Albert C. Morris went out to a drug store near by and telephoned to several places to request a friend to join him in dinner and this friend was supposed to have been the mysterious "fourth party." Whether or not Albert succeeded in obtaining the presence of his friend at the private dining rooms was not disclosed in any of the testi-mony adduced, but it was the private opinion of persons who were closely watching the progress of the case that whether or not he did succeed at that time he was not alone with the Mathe-son and Witbeck girls during all of his stay in the restaurant, and that his failure to make known that fact and the name of the individual who was his PRACTICAL RELIEF

great mental restraint, whether self-

imposed or otherwise.

shot. Benbrook was arrested for the At the time, the idea of the presence Occupying one of the dining rooms at of a fourth party was scouted by some for the reason, as they advanced it, that Albert Morris being a cousin of the time of the tragedy were Albert C. Morris, a cousin of the deceased, and Morris, a cousin of the deceased, and two young girls, Nana Witbeck and Emma Matheson. Albert Morris testi-fied that he saw the final struggle without having seen the shooting itself. From the time the tragedy occurred there was displayed upon the part of all the witnesses a great reluctance to give testimony and even when they did testify it seemed apparent that somethe deceased he would surely do all in his power to bring his slayer to justice; and if there were present a fourth party who could throw any possible light upon the affair he surely would not heaftair to make known that pernot hesitate to make known that person's name.

to shield a friend.

The proposition thus advanced, how-ever, only tended to strengthen in the minds of its supporters the theory of a fourth person, because it had the effect of confirming them in their opinions that not only was this fourth party present but that the person was of such prominence and local personal influence that the identity was suppressed, and an effort was being made to keep the name entirely free from connection with

IDENTITY OF MYSTERIOUS FOURTH PERSON DISCLOSED PREST. M'KINLEY

he case. These supposed facts were made to account for the very apparent reluc-tance of the witnesses to tell all they knew of the affair. Upon the preliminary examination one of the waiters at the restaurant testified that during the afternoon pre-ceding the evolution of the treache be

ceding the evening of the tragedy he supplied to Albert Morris and his friends seven bottles of liquid refreshments, evidencing that considerable time was spent there by the party preou, to the shooting.

Finally the trial was set and reset un-til it came on yesterday, when the statement made by Mr. Rogers was put forth. Naturally the members of the family of the deceased were very much exercised at the inference that they had participated in so unfair a move. They had been distant the Witheak and Matha participated in so unfair a move. They had hoped that the Witbeck and Mathe-son girls would have been substantial witnesses for the State and were at a

by the defense on yesterday in asking a continuance of the case. The accusation caused such a turn-ing and delving into the matter that the lisclosure has at last been made. Last evening a legal paper was served upon Colonel Theodore Bruback, which will compel his presence at the trial and necessitate his testifying during the trial. This clears up the mystery of the fourth person, but whether Mr. Bruback shall prove to have been a witness of the circumstances immedi-ately preceding the tragedy of whether it shall be shown that he was in the pri-vate dining rooms of the Merchants cafe on that day at a time comparatively remote from the tragedy, remains to be brought out in court.

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The disappearance of the girls, the sensational accusation of Attorney Rogers, the securing of Mr. Bruback as a prospective witness and the promised immediate return to this city of the girls, Nana Witbeck and Emma Matheson, form interesting links in a chair of circumstances that may throw light upon a tragedy which hitherto has been somewhat clouded.

It may be that nothing of direct im-portance will be obtained from the new witness for the State, but it is asserted that this last move will be the means of wringing from the two girls and the other witnesses a more complete state-ment of what they know.

That the whereabouts of Nana Witbeck and Emma Matheson are known is evidenced by a statement of the father of one of them that during their ab-sence they would visit Kansas City, Chicago and New York.

Col. Bruback, it is understood, says that he was at the Merchants' cafe that day upon business with Albert Morris and that he left the restaurant previous to the shooting

lamation This Afternoon.

northwestward British position. A ballon did good service in observing that Lyttleton's force made a demonstration in the direction of the Brakefontein kobies four miles north of the British position under cover of a heavy artillery fice to which the Boers did not respond on the left. Gen. Warren's troops are now in possession of two prominent kopies behind Spienkop. There was some Boer sniping, but it was ineffective. The Graafrienet Boers evacuated Prieska January 15, and returned north-

vare across the river. Modder River, Cape Colony, Jan. 18 .--Gen. Methuen, who is in robust health

passes to the Orange Free State, thus

He expects Gen. White and Sir Red-

San Francisco, Jan. 19 .- The steamer

the vessel pending an examination

LIVE STOCK CONVENTION.

Big Herds.

to her dock.

TRUE WE.

World from London says:

Says He Never Had a Suspicion That He Was Appointing a Polygamist to Office in Utah.

MAKES A DENIAL.

Charge by Mr. Roberts-President Says He Never Heard of It Till it Was Made in the House-Congressman Grosvenor Makes the Statement-Investigation of Alleged Polygamous Status of Several Federal Officials in Utah-Question of Interrogating the President-Mr. Lentz's Statement Flatly Denied by Mr. Grosvenor-An Issue of Veracity-Not a Scrap of Evidence in Support of the Charges Against the President-The Letter by Rev. Clemenson.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."]

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19 .- The House committee on postoffices resumed the hearing in the Graham-Smith investigation today,

Representative Grosvenor appeared and denied the statement by Representative Lentz that he (Grosvenor) had said that as soon as the administration had been charged with making this appointment with knowledge that appointee was a polygamist, he did not

Mr. Grosvenor claimed that he told Lentz that he did not believe any search would reveal any such papers protesting against appointment of Orson Smith, as postmaster at Logan. Mr. Lentz was present and reiterated his former statement.

Grosvenor again denied this to be

It appears that this letter got in the time of denying them on the floor of nies of the postomice department, with.) the House. His denial was based on his out being seen by the fourth assistant knowledge of the character of the Prespostmaster general, and its presence ident. He said he had also said to was not known until these charges | Mr. Lentz that a search would show were made tecently, The committee then desired to have

tention of the department to it.

tion of the alleged polygamous status

of several federal officers in Utah was

today resumed by the committee on

of this class of men that when the great

The pervice men of these big corpor-

strikers.

day next.

| author of the resolutions of investigation, the committee had requested Postmaster General Emory Smith, J. Addison Porter, secretary to the President, and Representative Grosvenor to be present. Before the committee met the memb-rs discussed informally the right and propriety of asking the President's secretary to submit to interrogation, Chairman Loud maintaining that such a course would in effect amount to the summoning of the President and an inquiry into executive affairs.

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Mr. Grosvenor made a flat denial of the state.nent made by Lentz as to the words, "We have not let the grass grow under our feet," in reference to the charges. The conversation was informal, Mr. Grosvenor said, and he would have as soon expected that a private conversation with a member of his committee as to have this talk brought here. Mr. Grosvenor said his statement to Mr. Lentz was in substance that the taken steps to learn the facts at the

let any grass grow under his feet. SUNDAY SCHOOLS Mayor Thompson Prepares a Proc-

true. Postmaster General Smith pro- family would be brought before the duced, however, a letter from Rev. Mr. Clemenson, of Salt Lake, dated November 21st, 1897, addressed to President McKinley, protesting against Smith's investigation would fail, there was appointment on the ground that he | nothing in the charges, and that he had was a polygamist.

skill, logic and eloquence, going hand in hand throughout. He is still speaking as this report closes, and will not fin-ish before court adjourns if he does "I don't want to do Mr. O'Melveney any injustice. He is dead. But his actions are before you for consideration just as the actions of Mills are before THE HOWARD EGAN CASE. Promptly at 2 o'clock Judge Powers you. But could anything be more cruel than this man's conduct towards his opened his address, presenting at once the first case of this character ever friend? Could anything be designed better to drive the thorn into the flesh.

presented before a court in Utah. This was in 1851, when Howard Egan was was in 1851, when Howard Igan das tried. The address made by George A. Smith on that occasion was quoted al-most in full. This case, said the judge, would take the jurors back to first principles

THE CHIEF GLORY OF WOMAN. the separation and he urges Mills not What, said he as a preface, is the chief glory of a woman? Is it beauty? to act without absolute proof. Then the time came when the false face could no Death touches with its finger and all becomes clay. Is it figure? No; the be-dizened baird may be perfect in soul. longer be hidden. The purpose of O'Melveneywas to make Mills think that he was unconcerned and that some one else was guilty. That is why O'Melveney Is it intellect that places her upon a penestal and causes man to worship at urged his wife to tell Mills who it was and when the defendant rushed from her feet? No. It is virtue. That is the coronet that sets her apart as superior to men. What is the chief glory and strength of the State? Is it an army with banners? Is it wealth? Is it powthat house, distracted, he strongly sus-pected that doctor. He goes to his wife, who convinces him that it is not true. Then he again demands the name er? Is it broad expanse of land? Is it ships upon the sea -floating fortresses? No. All these are nothing compared with the purity of the home. Without of the guilty man, and at last his wife tells him, and reduces it to writing. 'He is responsible, in addition to my own weakness.' She does not try to expure homes there can be no great State. onerate herself, but takes part of the It is as true today as when God thun-dered forth His commands from the mountain that "Thou shalt not covet responsibility. This terrible intelligence falls upon a man, sick in mind and

OF LADYSMITH.

williant mind, all his knowledge of man nature, all his powers of eloace and logic. The pleture that he w of the scene when the drama had ched its climax was one that will soon be forgotten by those who ed it. Before he had finished even, seemed to be nothing left of the the prosecution is still speaking as this report as and will be followed by County Putnam from whom a powaddress is expected.

MR. STRAUP'S OPENING.

Effective Presentation of the Legal Aspects of the Case.

body, who had spent sleepless nights over this thing. In all the stories you have ever read or heard, you have never N. Straup commenced the opening ent for the defense promptly on seen such a picture of despair, as was presented by this man there, crushed to our, and made a fine presentation he legal aspects of the case, r. Straup first called attention to earth. ection of the Utah statute which A BIT OF SARCASM.

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and a half to cool off.' Is that all he thinks of marriage? It might do for a

doesn't know what it is to love a wo-

wouldn't do for a man like Capt. Mills.

THE JUSTIFICATION.

"Counsel save there is no evidence

defense demanded its admittance

-examine her upon that confession

he defense had not called her.

woman. But if the State of Utah did,

Consummate Skill.

It might do for a man who

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welly justifies the killing by a hus-d of the seducer of his wife, when killing is done in the heat of pas-"Demand of such a man control! Say that he must reflect and deliberate! The mind of a philosopher, the iron will That, said Mr. Straup, described Caesar, the firmness and dekilling in this case, and Capt. Mills s as thoroughly justified as would be termination of a giant could not contral under those circumstances. He went fficer who executes under the law. out with but one picture in his mind. his statute had been referred to by It is the picture of his bosom friend, osecution as a relic of barbarism. whom he had entrusted his family ere Mr. Van Cott, the assistant when he went to war, and of his wife whom he had loved with his whole cutor, interrupted to say that he not so designated the statute, eviheart, and the betrayal of all his con. ly thinking Mr. Straup had referfidence. his opening address. Counsel says, 'Why he had two hours

o," replied Mr. Straup, "you did but your principal did, and it is rely proper for me to refer to it." admit that the statute is there," ued Mr. Van Cott.

man, who didn't know what marriage es," said Mr. Straup, "it is there was, who didn't know what it was to ought to be there. have children born to him.

believe the statute is a proper one; lieve in it," added Mr. Van Cott, here the incident closed.

ontinuing Mr. Straup said that if a of in the night stole into a map's to drive off a broken down horse of the defilement. I say there is. We have produced here the written confes. slon of Mrs. Mills. That is in evidence sheep, it would not be a crime to the intruder. What was it, then, if in this case. That was not admitted to show its effect upon defendant's mind. an should shoot down the despoiler his home, the defiler of his wile? try essential element to the crime of ther was absent from this case. And for all purposes, or else announced its intention to produce Mrs. Mills on the a man as this defendant, a quiet, stand. And the court admitted it for all purposes for which the jury might consider it. If Mrs. Mills had gone ight, peace-loving, industrious, 80. citizen, was not, in the twinkling an eye, transformed into a depraved inal. This man's character alone upon the witness stand, what more could she have said?" s a shield. He had been honored by "If the prosecution wasn't satisfied why didn't they call Mrs. Mills. We people of his State, elected to the cond highest office in it, and those said to them, 'Mr. Prosecutor. The woman is here. The defendant waives ple have come here to tell of his unachable character.

MILLS' MENTAL CONDITION.

and all other matters.' Why didn't they call her? It wouldn't do for the urning to the defendant's mental dition just prior to and at the time the tragedy, Mr. Straup said the ony stood here mountain high. he was in a greatly enfectled cal and mental condition. He was himself. No man could go through th a slege as Capt. Mills did and not down

he bars were thrown down." Mr. Straup next addressed himself to unsel then took up Mills' life from time he left the hospital here, re-red briefly to his disappointment in the cuestion of insanity as developed in this case, citing several illustrations in support of the theory of the defense, setting a position with the Short. Returning from Cheyenne, he and dealt with the testimony of the ad that memorable note, written by wife and thrown away. What was our experts, Drs. Givins, Pike, Hughes effect of it? Why human language and not define the shock upon such man as Capt. Mills. It suggests to monly one thing. What could inthis wife to write such a message? the wife to write such a message? sees to his friend, Rev. D. D. Wal-e, and they spend a sleepless night erit. He goes to Pocatello has his spicion confirmed by his wife, but is no information as to the betrayer. by return to Sait Lake and prepare the separation. In some homes, to Every Phase of the Case Handled with the separation. In some homes, to me men that would mean little. In the afternoon, all roads seemed to lead to the Joint building, and long the attachment between before court re-assembled, the court room was crowded to the very doors. nd and wife was slight, where there and wife was slight, where there d been nothing in their married life t contention and discord, it might an in reality, a rest. But what build it mean to disrupt such a home Frederic J. Mills had. No wonder world had lost its attractiveness to m. Life no longer had a charm for m, and as he walked out, the thought self-destruction came to him. Ladies occupied nearly every seat inside the bar, and were almost as nu-merous as the men in the lobby. It was a well dressed and well be-haved audience, and hung upon every word of the argument with breathless self-destruction came to him.

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came back, he found one of the most

thy neighbor's wife." WHY DO MEN FORGET?

Why do men fail to learn this lesson taught away back in the dim ages of creation? Why will men forget that fire burns? Why do they fall to renember that "What God hath joined together no man may put asunder. This man, said Judge Powers, offered his life to his country, and while he was away his false friend took away everything that was sweet in life. His whole heart was wrapped up in his wife and children. For him all there was of life and hope was centered in that home circle. Friendship imposes obligations and Mills and O'Melveney were more than friends-they were almost brothers. And the man who takes upon his knees the little children of his friend's wife and then dishonors her hangs over his head the sword. I re-gret that the widow of the desees fit to be ceased presen on this occasion, and much that I will say must seem harsh to her. We are here simply to consider the law and the evidence, and I must deal with this lead men as one guilty of treason to his friend. He forgot his own family, brought misery to them and death

himself. He forgot the words of the Bible, 'The path of the adulterer leads Mrs. Mills, who pulled down to death.' the roof tree, has suffered. She has confessed; she has atoned. We did not call her because it was unnecessary. She is still this man's wife, and we would not humiliate her needlessly. fered her to the a i the prosecution But we offered State of Utah, is estopped by that. Mills' home was a home of virtue.

O'Melveney invited this wife of his friend to his home while his own wife was absent. What was the real pur-pose of that? He slandered the absent husband and then forgetting his own family, he proceeded with his work. his statutory right and says you may At that time, Capt. Mills was wearing the uniform of his country in the far-off isle of the seas, and then was stricken down by disease. Better for him if he could have died there with the love prosecution to come in now and ask why of his wife in his heart, and been buried by the sea. In the providence of God, he was to live and to come home a defense claimed the defilement to be fully proven without her testimony and did not desire to further humillate that stricken man, mental and physical, to undergo this awful ordeal.

Judge Powers then went on to picture the man's condition when this awfu blow fell upon him like a thunderbolt and judgment was meted out to John C. O'Melveney.

WRATH OF THE WRONGED HUS-BAND.

and Kling, claiming, in conclusion, that the whole of it showed that when the defendant shot down O'Melveney, The wrath of the wronged husband is the vengeance of the Almighty. Man may boast of his self-control, but when the iron enters his own soul his power he was irresponsible. Mr. Straup closed with a summary of to reason and meditation goes with the wind. The law of self-defense is the instinct which God has implanted in the whole case, concluding his argument at noon, when a recess was taken. the hearts of men for their preserva-tion. In the plan of the Almighty the JUDGE POWERS' ARGUMENT.

male is the protector. The mother has the instinct of motherhood and will lunge to death to save her own. Man's laws bow before this great law. No fear of death ever turned aside the anger of a wronged husband. He can-not stay his hand even if he would. Our State recognizes this. To the glory and honor of Utah, it is placed on our statute book.

Dismissed by Stipulation.

The case of J. W. Wagner vs Nora M. attention. SKILL, LOGIC, ELOQUENCE. Judge Powers' address covers every phase of the case with consummate Judge Norrell by silpulation. His honor at the same time discharged the receiv-er, who had not furnished any state-ment on account to the court.

May be Heavy Fighting-Losses of the Boers - British Cabinet Meeting-Eighth Army Corps Called.

War Department Regards the Sit-

uation With Entire Confidence.

BRITISH ARE VERY CLOSE.

London, Jan. 19, 2:28 p. m .- Messages from the front appear to confirm the general impression that events in Natal in a position to flank the Boer intrenchwill now move quickly, though hardly ments on the ferry and west of Potas rapidly as the tongues and pens of gieters' ford. the rumor-mongers. There is nothing up to the present to support the story that the relief of Ladysmith is an accomplished fact, but it is learned on for some very heavy fighting before excellent authority that the situation is the siege of Ladysmith is raised. now regarded at the war office with en. London, Jan. 19.-A cabinet meeting took place today for the purpose of artire confidence, and that the beleagured town is considered practically relieved, ranging the legislative program for the although there is no attempt to underrate the danger and difficulty of Gen. outline the queen's speech. Buller's task. As suggested in these dispatches yesterday, Gen. Warren was HONOLULU HAS A actually in the vicinity of Acton Homes Wednesday, and a portion of his force under Lord Dundonald secured an important position westward of that place during the evening of January 17, on the Beers' right flank, threateni Free Staters' communication with their own country by way of Van Renan's

The British camp outside of Ladysmith ought to be visible from there as the intervening country is open. Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, M. P. who has arrived at Fort Rensberg, Cape Colony, expressed satisfaction with

Gen. French's disposition of his troops He visited Coleskop yesterday while the shelling of the Boers camp was proceeding with such success that it is announced on good authority that 16 Boers and 36 horses were killed.

Advices from Capetown say Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior at Washington, salled from Port Elizabeth, Monday, for Delagoa bay. It is understood the imperial yeomancers: ry will be leavened before that force goes to the front, with considerable detachments of experienced colonials acthat every effort is being made quainted with Boer tactics.

4:20 p. m.-The war office has made public distatches from Field Marshal Roberts, dated today, recording the scouting movements in Cape Colony, including the ambushing of the Australi-ans, when two of the latter were killed and fourteen reported missing. He adds: "A Boer deserter states that the enemy suffered severely in attacking French's advanced post January 5th. Seventy Boers are still unaccounted

Normal orders have been issued to mobilize the eighth division of the British army. It was rumored on the stock exchange

this morning that after eighteen hours fighting Ladysmith had been relieved and that Gen. Warren had killed

Nothing was obtainable, however, tending to verify the rumor and it had no appreciable effect on stocks.

General Buller has telegraphed the war office from Spearman's camp, un-der date of last evening, as follows: Lord Dundonald, with a body mounted troops, came into action this afternoon with a force of Boers west of Acton Homes. After a fight, he oc-cupled several konjes which he is still Field Cornet Heilbruin was killed;

twenty burghers were killed or wound-ed and fifteen prisoners were taken. Two British soldiers were killed and two wounded.

Spearman's Camp, Natal, Thursday, Jan. 18, 8:25 p. m.—The Boer trenches have been persistently shelled by the naval guns all day long. Small parties of Boers were seen at intervals, and a refined sugar were advanced in price large force, from the direction of Lady-smith, were seen trekking towards the a pound.

personally, directed another strong reconnaissance yesterday. The Highnders succeeded in driving the Boers MEETINGS NOT MENTIONED. rom the Brush River bank by long range volleys. The Boer fire was in-New York, Jan. 19 .- A dispatch to the

Precautionary Measure Against the Gen. Buller's force is both able and Spread of the Smallpox willing, the Leader's expert thinks, to threaten the Drakensberg mountain Disease.

cutting off the retreat of the burghers of that republic, and at the same time Mayor Thompson this afternoon isto command the roads to Ladysmith. sued the following proclamation The same military writer also declares that the Ladysmith relief column is now

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan, 19, 1900. Proclamation of the Mayor of Salt Lake City, Utah, Closing all Sabbath or Sunday Schools.

vers Buller to join in a day or two without great difficulty. The war office chiefs, however, look To the People of Salt Lake City:

Whereas, the board of health of this city on the 15th day of January, 1900, by resolution directed that all Sabbath or Sunday schools wherein children as semble or congregate should be closed as a precautionary measure for the pursession of parliament and to

pose of preventing the spreading of the disease of smallpox. Now, therefore, be it known, that I, Ezra Thompson, Mayor of Salt Lake City, Utah, do hereby direct, order and proclaim, that all Sabbath or Sunday schools within this city be discontinued and closed until this proclamation shall be revoked.

Mayor Thompson had not signed the proclamation at presstine, being en-gaged in further investigating his pow-NEW OUTBREAK. ers in relation to the issuance of such an order.

Thirty-eight Today.

Thirty-eight persons were today vac-cinated at the health office. Dr. Stew-Doric arrived from Asiatic ports via Honclulu today. From Honolulu comes art attended to the patients during the the news of a fresh outburst of the morning hours and Dr. Whitney this on. The total number that have plague, six deaths having occurred beafterno thus far received attention is 1,693. tween the departure of the steamer China, which arrived here on Monday

L. D. S. College to Continue.

President Paul said this afternoon that the Latter-day Saints' College would not close on Monday next but that it would continue as heretofore. He also added: "We will do all we can and the departure of the Doric, which left Honolulu January 18th. This brings to total number of deaths from the to get our students to conform to the scientific institution of vaccination and to that end will shortly have Dr. H. A. Anderson deliver a lecture to them on the benefits of the practice.

New Pest House Wanted.

stamp out the disease. The Doric did ations early detected the move and im-mediately set about to checkmate it by sending the rejected men to foreign fields, where they were able to get employment and also retain their standing in their respective unique Health Commissioner King, finding It not dock at Honolulu, but the Hawalian next to impossible to find isolated premmail was taken out to her in tugs. The local health authorities have detained ises in which to place persons afflicted with smallpox, has recommended to the Council sanitary committee, the advis-It is not yet known whether she will ability of the city erecting a suitable standing in their respective rantined or allowed to proceed place in some out of the way district. This removed them from the ranks of possible "scabs" in the event of trou-The committee will consider the matter this evening.

SUSAN TULLIDGE AGAIN.

Susan Tullidge and Peter Poulson are in the county jall. The pair were arested yesterday afternoon at Murray by Deputy Sheriff Goldman. Mrs. Tul-idge was tried before the Murray precinct justice of the peace on the charges of drunkenness and prostitution. She was found guilty and given sixty days. Poulson was tried and convicted on the charge of drunkenness and sentenced to

Two Wives of a Dead Man.

Sloux City, Ia., Jan. 19.-The Sloux City wife of Dr. Gustave Mahe, who died here suddenly last week, has yielded to superior influence and numbers and the doctor's San Francisco wife is sas City has developed much strength since yesterday. Sugar Advances in Price. New York, Jan. 19.—All grades of refined sugar were advanced in price today 10 points or one-tenth of a cent a pound. and the doctor's San Francisco wife is to have possession of his remains. His brother-in-law, D. A. McMullen, of Orange, Cal., who arrived here last night to represent the San Francisco widow, will have the body disinterred and sent to the Golden Gate. Mr. Mahe of Sioux City has already had it buried here.

that there was no scrap of evidence to sustain the charges. Subsequently, durthe clerk who received this letter and ing a call at the White House on anfiled it appear before the committee, other matter, Mr. Grosvenor said the and explain why he did not call the at-President remarked to those present that he had never had a suspicion that The hearing will be resumed on Tueshe was appointing any one guilty of polygamy, as he had never heard of the charge until it was made in the Washington, Jan, 19 .- The investiga- House.

To many questions Mr. Grosvenor emphasized his sweeping denial of the language and inferences attributed to postoffices. In view of the statement him by Mr. Lentz, as reported by the made at the last session by Mr. Lentz, | newspapers.

ON THE EVE OF A BIG STRIKE.

The Most Gigantic Struggle Ever Known Between Railroads and Service Men is Closely Approaching-Both Sides are Preparing For the Fray.

For some time the railroad companies their duties are accompanied by great danger and that the cost of living has have been preparing for one of the been so increased that they consider most severe struggles with their serthemselves to be very poorly paid. A few days ago the employes of the Oregon Short Line asked for an invice men that has ever been known in the history of railroading. Their mode of preparation has been a very peculiar

crease of pay of ten per cent. It is asserted that this is only one minor move in a general strike, provided the reone. It is said by employes that in the quests of the men are not granted withprocess of physical examination which out recourse to such a strike.

the men have been subjected to, many of The men are determined to exhaust all peaceable means, and failing their them have been dismissed upon the all peaceable means, and failing their efficacy a big strike will be resorted to and the struggle will be the mightlest ever waged. The following dispatch gives an idea of the trend of events: St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 19.-The Post-Dispatch today same One of the most slightest pretense of lack of physical capacity. The object of the railroad companies has been to retire so many struggie came they could call upon the Dispatch today says: One of the most important conferences of railway working men since the great strike in 1894 began at the Laclede Hotel today beidle railroaders to fill the places of the hind closed doors. Its purpose is to con-

sider grievances of service men. Among those taking a prominent part in the deliberations are A. B. Garpart in the deliberations are very retson, chief of the order of rallway conductors; W. G. Lee, chief of railway trainmen; P. M. Arthur, chief of loco-motive engineers, and P. F. Sargent, is easi the chief of railway firemen. It is said the onference was called to adjust certain differences between railroads and their

Financial statements of the railroad employes, and to consider the advisacompanies have been showing vast increases in their earnings and in most billity of asking a general sweeping in-cases splendid profits. The men say crease in the wages paid to conductors, their salaries have not been increased, | engineers, firemen and other trainmen

unions.



That of Majority Will Be Very Long, More Than 10,000 Words -Contents of the Minority Report-Case Comes Up Tuesday.

The minority report will be made by [SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."] Mr. Littlefield, and will deal exclusively Washington, D. C., Jan. 19 .- Chairwith the legal questions involved. man Tayler of the special Roberts com-The case will be called up next Tuesmittee is busily engaged revising the report of the majority, which will be day, so it was said this afternoon. It presented to the House tomorrow.

is possible that two days will be re-The majority report will be a lengthy quired to discuss the reports. one, containing more than ten thousand Mr. Roberts will be given an oppor-

i tunity to speak

Last Day's Meeting of the Owners of Notorious Woman and Peter Poulson Fort Worth, Tenn., Jan. 19 .- At the last day's session of the National Live-Now in the County Jail. stock association the atendance was

light. The principal papers read at the morning session was by Hon. L. G. Powers, of Washington, D. C., on "The cessity for reliable statistics in the live stock industry." The convention endorsed a resolution to co-operate with federal government establishing colleges of agriculture and mechanical arts for the purpose of higher education in agriculture, includ-

nine and a half days. Jailor Thomas made Susan washer-woman of the jail and immediately set Peter to work peeling potatoes. ing live stock products of all kinds, also for scientific investigations on all agri-cultural and live stock problems.

J. H. Pickeral read a paper on "What short horns have done for the country." This was followed by a paper on "The potency of Hereford blood," by T. F. B.

The convention will select its next meeting place and conclued its business late this afternoon. It is believed Kan-sas City has developed much strength

words

plague for the present outbreak up to 28, and it is understood that there are 26 cases in the hands of the health offi-The Doric brings news that Hono lulu's Chinatown is being burned and



otham of Missouri.