GENERAL BRABANT REPORTED TO HAVE HIT THE ENEMY HARD.

He Is Said to Have Defeated the Besiegers of Wepener, Capturing Guns and Prisoners.

RUMOR NOT YET CONFIRMED

REGARDED IN LONDON AS A "PREMA-TURE" STATEMENT.

Brabant Left Aliwal North Saturday, and It Was Expected He Would Make It Hot for the Boers.

CONFIDENT BRITISH MORE

DISPATCHES FROM BLOEMFONTEIN

Another Warning from Winston Churchill-Losses Last Friday-Basutos Under Arms.

GROWING OPTIMISTIC.

Town correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Sunday, says: "An unconfirmed report is in circulation here that General Brabant has inflicted a crushing defeat upon the Boers at Wepener, capturing guns and taking prisoners."

PROBABLY PREMATURE.

Brabant Has Hardly Had Time Reach the Boer Position.

LONDON, April 16, 4:55 a. m.-The War Office had nothing to communicate to the public yesterday. It may be taken for granted that the rumor of General Brabant's victory at Wepener is premature. With the remainder of his force he left Aliwal North on Saturday for Rouxville, and there has scarcely been time for

A dispatch from Reddersburg, dated yes terday, said: "Colonel Dalgety wired yesterday: 'All well. Enemy apparently slackening attack.' General Chermside's division is encamped seventeen miles east of the railway. Boers are supposed to be in the vicinity, but an attack by them improbable."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Sunday, says: "It is reported that reinforcements for the Boers. with sixty wagons, have arrived at Dewetsdorp en route for Wepener. This should precipitate an action. The statement that President Kruger has been south seems to confirm the reports that the Boers are getting disheartened. This continued exertion of his personal influence appears now to have become a necessity."

All the Bloemfontein dispatches this morning breathe a confident tone. There way, for so large an army leaves the populace bare of everything save the absolute necessities of life.

The fact that the censors allowed Winston Churchill's dispatch on the subject of remounts to pass speaks volumes for condition of that question and concerning the prospect of any immediate advance towards Pretoria. The utmost Lord Roberts will be able to do for some time to come will be in the direction of clearing Free State.

the dispatches announce the approach of I rain has fallen.

Brandfort.

LOSSES AT WEPENER.

Eighteen British Killed and Wounded in Last Friday's Fighting. ALIWAL NORTH, April 14.-It is offically reported that the British losses at Wepener in Friday's fighting were eighteen men killed and 132 wounded. Colonel Grenfell wires that the casualties include Quartermaster Williams, Lieutenant Hal-

ford and Lieutenant Duncan and fifteen men wounded. Sir Godfrey Langden, resident commissioner at Maseru, telegraphs that no shelling has been heard from the direction of

Wepener to-day. A regiment of British infantry and battery of artillery arrived on Friday. the mounted troops have gone to Roux-

Rouxville district furnished 1,000 recruits their own resources." to the Boer force as a result of the invasion law week. Five hundred Boers under Commandant Swanepoel, forced the Royal Irish Rifles to evacuate Rouxville. The former landrost, who had been acting for the British, offered to go to the front to prove himself a true Free Stater, and almost to a man the Free Staters, who had taken the oath rejoined the Boers. Nearly every one produced a Mauser. Looting.

however, was repressed. It is reported that there are seven thousand Boers at Wepner.

Fourteen British sympathizers have been imprisoned. The Boers admit having shot Mr. Guiney, the hotel keeper, for taking forage to the British.

A paymaster with £1,400 was captured.

ON THE BASUTOLAND BORDER. Three Thousand Armed Natives Ready

to Repel a Boer Invasion.

MASERU, Basutoland, April 14.-Sir Godfrey Langden, British resident commissioner, returned here yesterday (Friday) scene of operations near Wepener. He and the paramount chief have stationed 3,000 armed natives to resist posable Boer encroachments. The orders of

ever. Two natives who crossed and looted an abandoned Boer farm, are now in custody.

Colonel Dalgety's position is strong and well chosen, but he is completely sur-

The Boers have their backs against Basutoland, and if they stay much longer they will be hemmed in. The British operations are keenly watched from the neighboring heights. Shelling and sniping have been going on steadily during the last six days.

Colonel Dalgety's guns are admirably served and there is no waste of ammunition. The Boers when they see the electric flash of the cordite, bolt into their holes or behind walls. So near are the Boers and the Basuto guards that they converse. The ambulances are close to the border, but the killed and wounded are not removed until nightfall, in order to conceal the number of casualties. The Boers are fatigued and their horses are tired and

The Boers attacked fiercely the British northern position on April 9, but they were baten back at daybreak. Nothing is known here of the casualties on either

NO PLACE FOR VISITORS.

Sir Alfred Milner Protests Against Women Flocking to South Africa.

LONDON, April 15 .- Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, has received the following dispatch from Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner in South Africa: "The number of visitors to South Africa is constantly increasing and includes many, especially ladies, who seem to have no particular call or duty of business. I am sure this would not be the case if it were realized at home that visitors, who in ordinary times LONDON, April 16.—The Cape | would be most welcome, may under existing conditions become a serious source of inconvenience, interfering with the work of the military and civil officers and putting a strain on our limited means of accommodation, which are urgently required for those who have duties to perform here or who are invalided from the front. considerable increase in the expense of living-at all times very high-is caused by this excessive influx of visitors and this is a hardship to persons of the latter

After saying that there is no place less suitable for recreation than South Africa at present, Sir Alfred Milner concludes as follows: "Lord Roberts, to whom have submitted this message, authorizes me to add that he fully concurs in the views expressed."

ROBERTS TO KRUGER.

His Lordship's Protest Against Ill-Treatment of Prisoners.

BLOEMFONTEIN, April 14.-Lord Rob erts, in his telegram of protest to President Kruger regarding the treatment to which the colonial officers and troops who are now prisoners at Pretoria have been subjected, complains that the Boers have treated them as if criminals confined in jail. He points out that there are ninety cases of enteric fever and dysentery in the prisoners' camp at Watervaat; that the Transvaal government failed to supply, on demand of the doctor, the necessarv medicines and medical comforts; that the prisoners were forced to bivouac in the open yeldt; that the sick were placed in an open shed, with an iron roof and that it was only when the new doctor threatened to resign that medicines and mattresses were supplied. He invites President Kruger to remedy this state of things and contrasts it with the treatment the British give to Boer prisoners, sick and wounded, was. who, as Lord Roberts says, "receive the

same treatment as our own soldiers." Four farmers who had taken the oath to abstain from further co-operation with the Queen's enemies were found signaling seems to be a heavy demand on the rail- to the Boers at Karee Siding and have able that some of the children in your been brought here.

AN EXPENSIVE BUSINESS.

Winston Churchill Thinks More Men and Horses Will Be Needed.

LONDON, April 16.-Winston Churchill telegraphs to the Morning Post from Bloemfontein, under Saturday's date, reiterating his opinion that the war is bound to prove an extremely expensive business. the Boers from the southern part of the He says: "Two hundred and fifty thousand men will be needed before the end winter. The first pinch of frost has been | will continue one of vital importance. feit at Bloemfontein, where considerable Great numbers are now arriving but, owing to the fact that they have to be put to It is said that President Kruger has vis- work before time is given them to recover ited the camp at Kroonstad as well as at from the effects of the voyage, their condition is low and the death rate among them high. Thousands, therefore, will be wanted in addition to those now here and on the way and great resting depots must be formed together with an ample staff to nurse and exercise them. If that is done then about four or five months hence, you will be able to give your cavalry a new lease of life and strength."

KRUGER AT BRANDFORT.

Staters to Their Own Resources.

LONDON, April 16.-The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily News, tele-Kruger attended a conference of the Boer commandants at Brandfort on Thursday. It is believed a decision was reached to General Brabant's headquarters and all withdraw the Transvaal forces to the north of Vet river, preparatory to a gen eral retirement across the Vaal river, if The Northern Post asserts that the hard pressed, leaving the Free Staters to

COL. SCHIEL UNDER GUARD.

Tried to Escape from the Transport

in St. Helena Harbor. ST. HELENA, April 15.-Colonel Schiel and two other Boer prisoners were landed to-day and sent to the citadel in consequence of an attempt to escape. It appears that Colonel Schiel bribed a boatman to take a letter to a Dutch cruiser, but the boatman, by mistake, took it to the British cruiser Niobe. A large knife was found in possession of one of the three. Colonel Schiel walked to the citadel, declining a carriage that was placed at his

The Maine at Madeira.

LONDON, April 15 .- The executive comship fund has received a cablegram from Lady Randolph Churchill, announcing that the Maine arrived at Madeira this morning and will reach Southampton on April 23. | key, and at the conclusion of the sermon All on board are well.

Diamond Mine Owner Captured.

WARRENTON, April 15 .- Frank Smith a well-known mine owner, fell into the hands of the Boers while driving from Barkly West toward the Frank Smith

PRESBYTERIAN CRUSADERS.

His Sermon Yesterday Devoted to Condemning the Westminster Confession of Faith.

DENOUNCED AS AN INCUBUS

UNDER WHICH THE CHURCH IS TOT-TERING AND DECLINING.

He Would Send It to a Museum, for He Does Not Believe It Can Be Acceptably Amended.

SIMPLE CREED NEEDED

BRIEF STATEMENT IN PLAIN ANGLO-SAXON WOULD SUIT HIM.

Alleged Incongruities of the Third Chapter of the Present Confession Pointed Out.

NEW YORK, April 15.-Rev. Dr. Charles MILLIONAIRE WHO WAS SHOT IN A H. Parkhurst, speaking in his pulpit in Madison-square Presbyterian Church, today, made a vigorous assault on the Westminster Confession of Faith. He said:

"We ought to have a new confession of faith. It is surprising that the Presbyterian Church is able to do as much as is doing with such an incubus strapped upon us as we are tottering under in our present confession. In the first place, the thing needed is not a system of theology, for that is what our present confession is but a simple, brief, Saxon statement of half dozen or so of the vital ingredients of Jesus Christ's message to the world. I could get along with a confession of faith containing but the little that Jesus said when He was trying to make a Christian of Nicodemus:

"'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have

"That gives to us the doctrine of God's unlimited love, human guilt, the divinity of the shooting was accidental will, it is Christ, salvation through Christ, faith in Christ, immortality; every word Saxon, three-quarters of the words monosyllables; profound enough for any elder; simple

enough for any four-year-old. "At any rate, we want a new creed. cessities of the case. Better give it a dignified place in the museum for what it is, than back it to pleces and revamp it for what it is not. And then, once more, if there were among us the distinct feeling which the gospel so wonderfully guarantees, that everything in all this great Christian matter pivots on the absolute and unconditioned love of God, we should be intolerant toward everything that states or even suggests a partial or an arbitrary love on God's part-loving some because He chose to, and damning the rest in order to show what He could do and how just He

"Now, that is our book, the Presbyterian Confession of Faith, in the third chapter. If we are thorough Presbyterians and believe what our doctrinal prospectus advertises us as believing, we believe it probhomes, little children, perhaps the babe of your bosom, is damned, already damned, damned before it was born, damned from everlasting to everlasting, and then you are invited to come into church and say, 'Our Father.' Why, any man who should become a father for the sake of joy and 'glory' he would use in burning and racking his own offspring, deliberately creating a child with a view to the agony into which he was going to torture, would chased from the earth as a flend and as an ebullition. It does not meet the case to nobody preaches it. It is true that nobody preaches it, and equally true, I doubt not. that nobody believes it. Nevertheless it is printed on the flag beneath which the Presbyterian army is marching, and it hurts us as a denomination. Men are staying out because it is there, and men are going out because it is there."

Shorter Creed Favored.

CLEVELAND, O., April 15.-Rev. Dr. S P. Sprecher and Rev. Paul F. Sulphen, the ministerial delegates from this city to the Presbyterian General Assembly, to-day declared in favor of the adoption of a shorter creed, and both said they and the two lay delegates would vote for such change. Dr. Transvaalers May Leave the Free Sprecher wants the Westminster confession revised, also.

DESERTS METHODISM.

graphing Saturday says: "President Rev. E. E. Stackpole Offers His Serv-

ices to Congregationalists. AUGUSTA, Me., April 15.-Rev. E. E. Stackpole, of the Methodist Church, to-day preached his farewell sermon to the parish and the Methodist faith. He said, in part: "I hold myself to be in spirit with the founders of the Methodist Church. I think I interpret the Scriptures as Wesley would have done had he lived in this age. So that while I am a Wesleyan Methodist, I am not a modern Maine Methodist, according to the powers that be. I have preached in the Methodist Church here for twenty-two years, and was brought up in a Methodist family. I shall offer my services to the Congregational Church, and if I can find a church that will be blessed by my work, I shall accept a call. I have a conviction that I can be of more service in building up the kingdom of God by working in the Congregational Church."

GEN. GORDON AS AN EVANGELIST.

He Successfully Urges Old Soldiers to

Put on the Armor of Christ. HOUSTON, Tex., April 15.-Gen. John B. Gordon, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, who is on a lecture tour in Texas, attended the revival meeting in Gatesville, conducted by Abe Multhe evangelist called on him for remarks. General Gordon responded from his place

In most eloquent terms he depicted their | T grand and glorious achievements as soldiers in the service of their country, moving his hearers to the highest pitch of patriotism, and then made an appeal to them to take up the armor of Christ. At the close of this appeal about forty Con-PARKHURST LEADING THE federate veterans came forward. A touching scene followed. The old gray-haired veterans crowded about their ex-chieftain. one after another embracing him. ---

WOMEN SET AN EXAMPLE.

Abstain from Easter Finery and Pay off the Church Debt.

CLEVELAND, O., April 15 .- The women members of the East Madison-avenue Presbyterian Church set an example in selfdenial to-day. Some time since they entered into an agreement to abstain from new Easter gowns and millinery and to devote the money which would have been used for that purpose to the raising of the church debt. They kept their promise, and to-day the amount of the debt, \$1,600, was contributed at the Easter service.

STEAL EASTER OFFERINGS.

Burglars Cut Through the Vault of a Canadian Church.

TORONTO, Ont., April 15 .- Burglars tonight dug through the brick wall of the vault of St. Simon's Church with crowbars and picks and stole \$1,175, the Easter offering. The church is situated on the brow of a ravine, and the cracksmen worked three hours unobserved.

DEATH OF RUFUS WRIGHT

SCUFFLE WITH A WOMAN.

Died with Words of Exculpation His Lips for Mrs. Lottridge-The Latter's Statement.

CHICAGO, April 15 .- Rufus Wright, the millionaire manufacturer of rubber tires, who was shot during a scuffle for the possession of a revolver in the apartments of Mrs. Louisa Lottridge, at the Leland Hotel, died to-day from the effects of the wound. The body of the millionaire is now at the undertaker's rooms, where an inquest will be held to-morrow. It is the opinion of the police that the coroner's investigation will mark the close of the sensational case. A statement of the deceased to Chief of Detectives Colleran that thought, clear Mrs. Lottridge of all responsibility. Wright died with words of exculpation on his lips for the woman whose revolver was responsible for his death. He persisted in saying that the woman was not to blame for his condition and that he had the revolver in his hand

when it was discharged. Mr. Wright's son-in-law and partner, Fred Morgan, was at his side at death Mr. Morgan held that his father-in-law was on an errand to help a friend who had become entangled with the woman

when he received his death wound. Although he admits he can offer no evidence, Chief of Detectives Colleran strongly believes that the weapon was not in the hand of Wright when it was discharged. A careful examination of the position of the wound, he says, will show that it would be impossible for Wright to have held the weapon in his hand. Captain Colleran says also that Mrs. Lottridge said she could not remember whether the weapon was in her hand or in Wright's. He also cites the fact that Wright's beard is not singed, as it would have been in a weapon had been discharged close to his head; his face is not marked with powder; in fact, Captain Colleran says there is nothing to show that he held a revolver close to his face.

Mrs. Lottridge, in a statement made at the police station, said: "I cannot remember what led up to the production of the revolver. I was talking to Mr. Wright when he asked me to show him a revolver of which he had spoken previously. I refused to do so, and we talked on other matters for a while. I remember that, finally, I went to my valise and took out my weapon and when he saw it Mr. Wright begged me to throw it away. As I remember, he tried to take the weapon from my hand and we scuffled. I stood up and he was sitting on the couch. I had hold of the weapon, when, with a sudden effort, he tore the revolver from my grasp. He fell backward and I followed him. I managed to get hold of the butt of the weapon, he holding to the guard. As we struggled the weapon was discharged, and, bad as I felt from the liquor I had drunk, I could no help crying out in horror when I saw he was wounded. He fell back on the sofa and gasped he was all right. He then insisted he had been wounded and begged me to call a doctor. I told him he was dreaming, and then set about caring for him. I took a handkerchief from his pocket and attempted to stop the flow of blood from his neck where the ball had entered. I saw at a glance that the revolver had done deadly work, but I could not bring myself to tell things that I ought not to have said, but cause for my actions. The story that Mr. come at my least call. He was in good spirits when he entered the room. We conversation until the revolver was introduced by chance and the struggle which ended in his death."

Mrs. Lottridge a Canadian.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 15 .- Mrs. Louisa Lottridge is well known in Buffalo and was born in Fort Erie, Ont., just over the Niagara river from this city. Her maiden name was Bachus. She spent her early life in this little Canadian village, and returns there every summer, and, it is said, takes great interest in the races. She married about twenty years ago, and for a time lived at Black Rock, an industrial suburb of Buffalo. Her husband was a railroad man, but little is remembered concerning him, and nothing is known of the divorce said to have been granted. During the last Christmas holidays she was at on the platform near the preacher in one | Fort Erie to attend the funeral of her of the most powerful exhortations, it is mother. Her sister, Mrs. William Dunn, pally to the Confederate veterans present. other sister lives in Montreal.

NOT ACTIVELY SEEKING THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION,

But Will Accept the Honor if It Is Tendered Him by the Republican National Convention.

SLATE MAKERS ALL AT SEA

CALCULATIONS UPSET BY THE SEC-RETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

Report That McKinley and Other Party Leaders Will Confer with Hanna at Old Point Comfort.

MARCUS AURELIUS HAS GRIP

AND MAY NOT ATTEND THE OHIO CONVENTION NEXT WEEK.

Tennessee Republicans Divided-To-Morrow's Louisiana Election Likely to Be Closer Than Usual.

Republican nomination for the vice presidency as inferred from the statements was a matter of general comment in from Mexico was here to meet Colonel Washington to-day. It set the Republican slate makers to thinking and for the time being has seriously upset the calculations of those who believed that the honor would go to one of a half dozen others mentioned for the vice presidency. Secretary Long was called on by a number of persons during the day and was importuned for an exact statement of his attitude on the question. He seemed disinclined to enter however, preferring to let it rest with what he has already said on the subject, believing that the vice presidency is an honor of such a character that no man could well refuse to accept it. The secretary, however, is not an avowed candidate seeking the ly be unfulfilled. His action is ill-advised. place, but the belief is general that if the nomination is offered to him he will accept. Secretary Long was asked to-night for an expression of opinion regarding Admiral Dewey's candidacy for the presidency. In a good-natured way he evaded making a reply, but laughingly remarked that Dewey "was the honored man of our

CLAIMS OF LOUISIANIANS.

Caffery Republican Faction Thinks It Will Carry the State.

NEW ORLEANS, April 15.-The state campaign closed last night with rival mass meetings in this city. The Democrats had a rally at Elk place, presenting three dozen speakers from four platforms. The Caffery Republican wing held a meeting at the head of Canal street, styling it an indignation meeting to protest against election frauds which they fear will be committed. The campaign has been very bitter. The Caffery Republican faction, of which Senator Caffery's son is the candidate for Governor, has severely arraigned Democratic election methods and attacked the one-man power which they say is exercised by Governor Foster. The latter at one time threatened to call Senator Caffery, | being killed and many injured. who has taken an active part in the Republican campaign, to personal account. Despite the feeling aroused, however, the outlook is for a quiet election on Tuesday. There are two Republican tickets, one representing the Wimberly faction and one the Caffery faction. The Democrats have one ticket in the field. The Caffery managers claim they will come to the city with 20,000 majority, which will not be wiped out in the city. The Democrats say the Caffery ticket will not get 20,000 votes in the State. The Wimberly faction claims it will poll a larger vote than Caffery, though it concedes Democratic success. The election on Tuesday will be for the entire state ticket and local tickets in all the parishes. The next Legislature will elect two United States senators, S. D. McEnery will succeed himself, while Governor Murphy J. Foster is almost sure to succeed Senator Caffery.

TENNESSEE FACTIONS.

Iwo Sets of Delegates May Be Sent to the Philadelphia Convention. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 15.-Representative W. P. Brownlow and Pension Commissioner H. Clay Evans were in Chattanooga to-day en route to Nashville, where the state Republican convention meets on Thursday. The state committee will meet to-morrow to take up all contests for seats in the convention. The decision of the committee will be final. Mr. any one of the occurrence. I waited on Mr. | Brownlow and his friends control the state Wright for two hours, possibly, before I | committee, the former being its head. summoned a doctor. I was so overcome Commissioner Evans stated to-night that that I could not talk, and may have said | two sets of delegates would apply for admission to the state convention, and that in the pressure I was laboring under was the case the Brownlow committee refused to seat his delegates two conventions would Wright came to my room in the interest of | be held and contesting delegations sent to a friend is false. He came to see me at my Philadelphia. Mr. Brownlow maintains request. He had known me long enough to that nothing but fair treatment will be accorded the Evans faction of the party and that all proceedings of the committee drank together and talked of matters which | and convention will be regular. Fully oneconcerned ourselves. We had a pleasant third of the total vote of the convention is contested, and upon these contests the committee will have to pass. Two candidates for Governor will also in all probability be put forward by the Republicans and a bitter fight ensue.

CLARK WILL TRY AGAIN.

If Ousted by the Senate He Will Appeal to Montana Voters.

NEW YORK, April 15 .- W. A. Clark, of Montana and New York, and former Governor Hauser, of Montana, held a conference here to-day relative to Mr. Clark's United States Senate aspirations. Mr. Clark referred all questioners to Mr. Hauser, who, in turn, said that Mr. Clark his seat in the Senate.

"If his seat is declared vacant finally," come a candidate for re-election by the ther, as if with assurances from Montana, "ic managers."

that Governor Smith would not call the present Legislature in extra session to vote for a senator, even if Mr. Clark's seat soon should be declared vacant in Washington. It is said that although the Senate committee on privileges and elections has agreed unanimously that Mr. Clark was not entitled to his seat, Mr. Clark will carry the contest into the oren Senate.

HANNA HAS THE GRIP.

He May Not Be Able to Attend the

Ohio Republican Convention. CINCINNATI, O., April 15.-Word has been received here that Senator M. A. Hanna is quie ill with the grip at Old Point Comfort and that he may not be able to atend the Ohio Republican State convention at Columbus next week. It is reported that President McKinley and other Republican leaders will be at Old Point Comfort this week for an informal conference and recreation.

Senator Morgan's Victory. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 15.-Later returns from the Democratic primaries held throughout Alabama yesterday confirm the reports already sent out of the overwhelming victory of Senator John T. Morgan over Governor Johnston for the United States senatorship. St. Clair, with one representative, which was the only county credited to Governor Johnston in last night's report, has fallen into the Morgan column, leaving the Governor a gooseegg as the result of the elections held in fiftyfour counties yesterday. Senator Morgan will have 116 of the 120 Democratic votes in the General Assembly. The returns indicate that Sanford has carried the State for the gubernatorial nomination.

W. J. Bryan in Texas.

EL PASO, Tex., April 15.-W. J. Bryan reached here from Albuquerque, N. M. this morning, and remained until 8 o'clock WASHINGTON, April 15 .- Secretary to-night, when he left for Austin to join his family. An informal reception was Bryan and assisted in his entertainment. Mr. Bryan denied that he intended to make himself on the Bailey-Chilton race.

Alger Says Dewey Made a Mistake. DETROIT, Mich., April 15 .- "I think Admiral Dewey has made a grave mistake in announcing his candidacy for the presi- forts are being made by Italian Consul dency," said ex-Secretary of War Alger, into any general discussion of the matter, in the course of an interview to-night. "It bring about a settlement of the difficulty. looks as though the wealth of praise showered on the admiral since his return from the East has turned his head. It is harder to resist prosperity than adversity. I feel | nail to prevent it. Angelo Rotella, who is sorry for him, for his ambitions will certain- the recognized leader of the strikers, said I predict for him in his presidential aspirations a melancholy disappointment."

THINKS HE IS EMPEROR.

Who Claims to Have

Escaped from the Palace at Peking. VICTORIA, B. C., April 15.-The steamer Rio Jun Maru arrived yesterday from the then we will fight the soldiers. The bosses Orient, and brings a strange story of Chinaman who was arrested at Wu-Chang. | they do not another stone will be put in After lying in jail and being beaten he its place "on the big dam." Rotella spoke proclaimed himself to be the Emperor. He claimed he had escaped from the palace, to by a crowd of his countrymen, who where he had been impirsoned by the Empress dowager and has since been travel- which showed undoubted determination. ing incognito. He possesses documents bearing the seal of the court of Peking

identifying him as the Emperor. A party of British government surveyors engaged on the work of defining the Bur- deputies, who have only long night sticks mese boundary had a collision with a large and thirty-two caliber revolvers. The body of Chinese laborers, who some time ago waylaid and murdered Consul Lytton. Major Kyttle and Mr. Sutherland, of the former boundary survey party. This time the Chinese were completely routed, eighty from their revolvers half way up the hill

Official advices have been received Peking of a severe engagement between the imperial Chinese troops and a large body of "Boxers," a secret society. The battle, which was indecisive, occurred at four thousand men were engaged, the forces being equally divided. The casual- work overtime and threats of a strike ties were very heavy.

AUTOCAR RACE ACCIDENT.

People and Injure Twenty.

Motor Tricycles Dash Into a Crowd of

PARIS, April 15. - The Paris-Roubaix autocar race yesterday morning led to serious accident. Two competitors on m tor tricycles collided and dashed at the speed of an express train into a crowd of two thousand, who had assembled at cross road in the forest of Saint Germain to witness their passing. Twenty persons were knocked down, some having bones broken and many others being bruised. Mme. Charles Bos, wife of one of the deputies for the Department of the Seine, suf-

fered a compound fracture. American Woman Injured.

PARIS, April 16, 4:25 a. m.-An American lady was overturned by a cyclist yesterday noon at the corner of the Rue Pierre Charron and the Avenue D'Alma, and so badly shaken as only to be able to pronounce her name, which she gave as Pierce, and to indicate her nationality. The lady, who is of middle age and was well dressed, lies insensible at the Beaujon Hospital.

5:30 a. m.-The lady has now been identi- of Brooklyn. General Roe gave as his fied. She resides at No. 39, Avenue De reason for ordering so many cavalry and L'Opera. She has recovered sufficiently so few infantry that there are more than to be taken to her home. It seems that six miles of territory to cover, and that she had just left the American church on it is necessary to have troops which could the Avenue D'Alma when the accident oc-

TO BUILD NEW TOWNS.

Railways Preparing to Develop Hith erto Neglected Portions of the West.

CHICAGO, April 15 .- The Times-Herald

to-morrow will say: "Railroads using Chicago as their gateway have taken up inthe present population from immigration | the Bowery to discuss the situation, alone of at least 200,000 new people within the next eighteen months. The number of in the past, while trunk ifnes were build-

FIVE HUNDRED NEW YORK MILITIA-MEN ORDERED TO CROTON DAM.

Italian Laborers Determined Not to Return to Work Until Their De-

mands Are Complied With.

ALL SAID TO BE WELL ARMED

AND IN NO MOOD TO PERMIT OTHERS

TO TAKE THEIR PLACES.

Three Hundred and Fifty of the Soldiers to be Cavalrymen. Who

Will Patrol the District.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY STRIKE

STATEMENTS FROM OFFICIALS AND LEADER OF OPERATORS.

Both Sides Satisfied with the Situation-President Powell's Boycott -Other Labor News.

CROTON LANDING, N. Y., April 15 .held, and at 3 o'clock Mr. Bryan attended | the neighborhood of the Croton dam tothe services of the Knights Templars at | night, nearly 300 armed deputies are guardmade by him on that subject yesterday the Episcopal Church. A strong delegation ing the works and each one of them is guessing as to what to-morrow may bring forth. The striking Italian laborers, whose homes are in the vicinity of the works, are Texas his home, and declined to commit | behaving themselves excellently. But underneath their assumed quiet there is stubborn resolve not to go back to work nor let any outsiders take their places until the contractors agree to pay the increase of wages demanded. Strenuous ef-Branchi and State Arbitrator Delehanty to The strikers are very determined in their demands and swear that if outside labor is brought here they will fight tooth and to-day: "This is a fight to a finish. We earn more money than we are receiving and the contractors must pay us for our work. The State should protect us and instead of sending deputies and soldiers to help the bosses they should compel them to treat us rightfully. Ours is a just cause. We only ask for fair play. If the bosses attempt to bring the other laborers here we shall prevent any work being done, and if the military come to help them will have to give us our rights and until earnestly and his remarks were listened voiced the same sentiment in a manner

STRIKERS ARMED. The strikers are all well armed with guns and pistols, and in this regard they have a decided advantage over the sheriff's deputies are in a valley, while the strikers command the adjoining hill. With the guns the Italians could riddle the sheriff's men, who in turn could not send a bullet in case a fight should take place. There were several additions to the ranks of the deputies to-day and there are now nearly 300 of them at the works. Most of them are being fed at a near-by boarding house, Many of them complained to-day of being Yen-Chin, in Pe-Chili province. About insufficiently supplied with food. In agdition to this they claim they are made to

among them were rife to-day. The feature of the day was the mingling of the strikers and the deputies at the Easter service in the little Roman Catholic chapel in the valley which was built by gregation is made up of the strikers and their families and it was feared that when they would come in contact with the minions of the law there would be trouble. The very opposite occurred, as the men greeted each other amicably,

Rev. Father J. J. Owens, the parish priest, celebrated the Easter Sunday mass, and in addition to the regular choir there was a mandolin and guitar quintet, the leader of which was the leader of the strikers, Angelo Rotella. Father Owens counseled the strikers to obey the law and shun the saloons.

General Roe announced to-night that he had received a formal written demand from Sheriff Malloy, of Westchester county, this morning, to call out 500 troops to go immediately to the scene of the Italian laborers' strike at the Croton dam. He said Sheriff Malloy came down from Westchester and gave him the demand in person. General Roe has decided to order out early to-morrow morning the Fourth Separate Company, of Yonkers; the Eleventh Separate Company, of Mount Vernon: Squadron A, of New York, and Troop C. move quickly and be scattered. He said also that the topography of the country is exceedingly hilly. General Roe does not expect to have to call out any New York infantry, and thinks that the 500 men will be sufficient to quell the strike. The troops will number 160 infantry and 250 cavalry. Squadron A will furnish 200 men and Troop C will have 150.

A report reached here at 10 o'clock tonight that a conference held in New York to-day was a failure so far as bringing ternational improvement plans for the ter- about the settlement of the strike, and ritory between Chicago and the Rocky that troops had been ordered to come here mountains, which involve the expenditure to-morrow. The news was quickly passed of millions of dollars and an addition to to the strikers, who hastily gathered on

The strikers were much excited. Angele Rotella, the leader, when informed of the new towns that will appear on the maps | fact that the troops had been ordered out of the West within the next year or those was much perturbed and downcast. He "would fight to the last ditch" to retain to which from five hundred to six hundred said: "Only some of our men are armed, new population is to be added already but they will all be armed in the morning. number 173. Before 1902 it is believed this We will resist every attempt by the consaid Mr. Hauser, "Senator Clark will be- number will exceed 200. Areas neglected tractors to renew the work to-morrow with strange men, and we will fight if said, that has ever been heard in this resides at Fort Erie, and the family has next State Legislature to be elected in ing, are receiving the closest attention necessary until the troops get here. They State. His remarks were addressed princi- always borne an excellent reputation. An- November." Mr. Hauser intimated fur- from railroad land commissioners and traf- can keep the troops here for two months. but we can afford to wait six months, and