

BASEBALL IN BROOKLYN

18,000 SEE GAME!

TRAP IS SET FOR WEPENER BOERS.

THREW BABY AT HIS WIFE

She Was Dying and Had Received the Last Rites of the Church.

Michael J. Kearney, a Brooklyn Bridge motorman, went home drunk to his dying wife last night, and as she lay helpless in bed he beat her and hurled his sickly and puny baby Alice across the room at her.

BOYS CAUGHT FLAT THIEF.

Dragged Him from Car After Chase and Held Him for Policemen.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending 8 P. M. Sunday for New York City and vicinity: Partly cloudy to cloudy weather to-night and Sunday; possible showers Sunday; fresh easterly winds.

8,000 Burghers Cornered by 20,000 British--Battle at Wepener On.

LONDON, April 21.—The 8,000 Boers surrounding Col. Dalghetty's force at Wepener are themselves now in a circle of death. Two British divisions of 20,000 men have reached Wepener and are fighting now.

This news is contained in the following despatch from Lord Roberts:

"BLOEMFONTEIN April 21.—Rundle's force came in contact with the enemy yesterday four miles southwest of De Wetsdorp. They occupied strong positions covering the town.

"The yeomanry and mounted infantry siezed another position, which enabled Rundle to drive the enemy off and occupy the high ground the enemy had been holding.

"Rundle advanced this morning early, and is now again engaged with the enemy. Our casualties yesterday were two men severely and Lieut. O'Connor and seven men slightly wounded."

8,000 WEPENER BOERS IN THE BRITISH TRAP.

LONDON, April 21.—Despatches from Bloemfontein to-day indicate that the position of the Boer forces attacking Wepener is critical. Gen. Chermide and Rundle, with two divisions of nearly 20,000 men, have engaged the Boers near Wepener.

The Boer force besieging Wepener is reported to be from 8,000 to 10,000 strong. Their outposts were driven in by Chermide in an artillery engagement yesterday during which two Boer guns were temporarily silenced.

The British command the hills for miles around the Boers, who are reported to hold strong positions, but are probably retreating.

The casualties on the British side during the fight of yesterday (Thursday) were slight, and most of them

DE WET SAYS BOERS SURROUND WEPENER.

PRETORIA, Friday, April 20.—President Kruger has received through President Steyn an official report sent by Gen. De Wet, under date of April 20, to the effect that the latter still surrounds Gen. Brabant's Colonials at Wepener.

He has captured eleven prisoners, including the chief artillery officer. The report adds that the British con-

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SEVENTH INNING—Gleason singled and took third on a wild pitch. Grady walked. Hawley doubled. Gleason scored. Van der Ploeg, Grady, and Hawley scored. Two runs.

EIGHTH INNING—Hickman out at first. Davis fled to Kelly. Schaub forced Doyle. No runs.

NINTH INNING—Gleason fled out. Grady singled. Foster forced him. Van walked. Mercer fled out. No runs.

OTHER BASEBALL GAMES.

At Franklin Field—Lafayette, 2; Pennsylvania, 4. At Philadelphia—Boston, 2; Philadelphia, 5. At Pithaca—Gorham, 11; Indians, 1.

SIXTH RACE AT AQUEDUCT.

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SIEGEL-COOPER COMPANY INCORPORATED.

The firm of Siegel, Cooper Company, which was in this city and Chicago, has been incorporated under the laws of New Jersey with a capital of \$24,000,000. It is a co-operative company on a profit-sharing basis for the employees.

METHUEN'S CONVOY HAS A NARROW ESCAPE.

LONDON, April 21.—Lord Methuen's transport column had a narrow escape from capture near Boshof yesterday. Boers in force suddenly attacked the convoy, and its escort only just in the nick of time took up a position on a kopje which enabled them to get the convoy to safety.

The Boers report that the British had to retreat, and that they left twenty dead on the field. The British story is as follows:

BOEHOP, Orange Free State, April 21.—At midday yesterday Gen. Methuen's field force at Swarts-Kopje-Fountain was ordered to return to Boshof. Its convoy extended over six miles. The escort took up a position on a hill commanding the road just in the nick of time, as a force of 2,000 Boers with two guns and a pompon suddenly appeared in the vicinity and opened a very heavy fire.

GIANTS PLAY CHAMPIONS ON THEIR HOME GROUNDS.

HO! FOR BROOKLYN!



RUMOR OF CROKER'S DEATH CAUSES A STIR.

Somehow Such a Wild Report Was Started, and It Traveled Like Wild-fire All Over Town.

There was a persistent rumor about the city this afternoon that Richard Croker had died suddenly in London, whether two of his sons called this morning to join him.

Inquiry at the Democratic Club and other political centres failed to give the story the least confirmation. Corporation Counsel Whalen said he had heard from the Tammany chief only two days ago and he was in good health.

CROKER BOYS SAIL.

Going to Meet Tammany Chief, Who They Think Is in No Hurry to Return Home.

Hanlonites the First to Score, to the Great Delight of Local Rooters—Parade and Music for Opening.

(Special to The Evening World)

WASHINGTON PARK, April 21.—It wasn't 1 o'clock when the first baseball opener ran slap against the turnstile at the southeast entrance of this ballowed spot and insisted that he be permitted to recline in a grand stand divan, having travelled, as his whiskers and store clothes testified, all the way from Yaphank. "A puppooster see them champen."

The clicks told of a vast crowd already past and still coming and made remarks about a possible 10,000 acrimonious to those who refused to listen to any round figure less than 20,000.

Baseball was opened two days ago over the Polo Grounds, but it takes news a long while to percolate in Chapelville, and anyway it wasn't opened to suit the notions of folks over here, and the procession had to be gone through again so they could see what it was really like.

Just suited the Cranks.

The season was as properly begun this afternoon as the dearest food of bunting, all patriotic, too, for every festoon was made of Old Glory in place. There was a big band, the Twenty-third Regiment, music providers, and it began a concert at 2 o'clock.

ROOSEVELT HAS HIS LIST.

Governor and Senator Platt Decide on Charter Revision Appointment Tonight.

Gov. Roosevelt arrived in the city at noon to-day and went direct to the residence of his sister, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, at No. 42 Madison avenue, where he lunched with President Seth Low and Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University.

Delegates to International Missionary Conference...