# ACTIVITY OF THE BOERS.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL NIGHT ASSAULT ON LADYSMITH.

## CITY SHELLED DAY AND NIGHT.

Firing From Every Point of the Compass-Gallant Conduct of British Soldiers During the Armored Train Kimberley-The British Prisoners at Pretoria - The Boers Nearing Estcourt-British Forces at Hand.

Estcourt, Natal, Thursday, November 16.-The Red Cross train has again returned, but without bringing in the dead and wounded. The Boers declined to give any information as to the names of either killed or injured, referring the inquirers to the Pretoria Press for all information. All that three of the British were dead and nine wounded.

ed the sanatarium hospital says all the armored train wounded are doing

Sergeant Tod deserves special mention for having surrounded him with boulders to protect him from the rifle fire, when lying helpless and wounded. Tod even lay down beside the officer to ! them with earth, but Captain Wylie sustained no further injury. But for Tod, he would have been killed.

Several men escaped marvelously. When Winston Churchill requested addition, they had thirteen horses kill-Captain Wylie to call for volunteers ed and seven wounded. to remove the upset truck, bullets, it is said, were dropping on the train "like rain." The men, throughout, stuck to their work, responding to the noble example set by Churchill and Lieutenant Franklin, until the line was cleared. Churchill actually left with the engine, but he got out at the next station, Frere, took a rifle from a soldier, saying he could not leave the wounded, and walked away in the direction of the Boers.

Sergeant Hasset, of the Dublin fusileers, behaved with the greatest gallantry. He took charge of the firing party, and stood up unflinchingly during the Boers' hot fire. His example electrified the fusileers, who kept the Boers at bay by volleying.

Captain Haldane fell early in the engagement, shot through the shoul-

Lieutenant Franklin's conduct is highly praised. He exhibited great doolness during the critical period. He is reported missing.

Copeland, of the Durban volunteers, was crushed to death by the derailed truck, and Godfrey, a plate layer, was shot through the head, but is doing

Lieutenant Alexander had an exciting experience. A fusileer who had been wounded in the arm by a shell which shattered the limb, swung round and hit Alexander in the neck, almost smothering him with blood. The shell burst in front of the lieutenant on a level with his face and blinded him for a moment. The next instant he saw his comrade lying dead at his

feet, while he himself was unharmed. Private Kavanaugh, of the Dublins, performed splendid work. When the British firing line fell back he, time after time, rallied the men, volleyed and prevented the horseshoe line of the oBers from enveloping the train. LADYSMITH COMPLETELY SUR-

Pretoria, November 9.—The following dispatch has been received from the Boer camp at Elansslaagte, under today's date:

ROUNDED.

"Ladysmith has been completely encircled by the Boer forces. Our second big gun was successfully placed in position on Bulwan hill, in front of Ladysmith. The firing of heavy guns commenced early this morning, with no casualties to the burghers up to the

"Botha has heliographed from the south of Ladysmith that the British batteries opened a heavy fire with big guns and continuously dropped shells into the works around Ladysmith. The Pretoria force was in a tight place, having taken up a position commanded by the British fire, which was so hot that the position became untenable. The big gun, however, saved the situation."

BRITISH ACCOUNT OF ARMORED TRAIN FIGHT. London, November 17 .- The war of-

fice has received the following dispatch from General Buller: "Cape Town, November 16. "I have received from Hildyard,

Peletermaritzburg, a telegram, dated November 15th, of which the following is the purport: "The officer commanding the troops at Estcourt reports, at midday, that an armored train left Estcourt this

morning with a company of the Dub-Iin Fusiliers and a company of Durban volunteers. North of Frere they encountered a party of Boers and began to withdraw. While retiring, some of year." the trucks were derailed. The Dublins turned out and advanced toward the enemy, while the rest of the train appears to have returned without them. to Estcourt. " The officer commanding the troops

reports that he was sending mounted troops in order to cover their withdrawal, but that about one hundred are missing."

NEW ENTRENCHMENTS AROUND KIMBERLEY.

Kimberley, November 9, via Hopetown. November 12.-The Boers were busy yesterday in throwing up fresh earthworks. There has been no further bombardment. The deBeers mines are practically closed. Thousands of the employes are now domiciled in the center of the town and are being provisioned by the mayor's relief found. The military authorities have ordered all civilians to give up their arms and ammunition, with the view of preventing irresponsible firing at the Boers, in contravention of the laws of civilized warfare. Natives report that the Boers cheered each shell as it was fired yesterday, believing it meant the destruction of Kimberley.

The Boers are now wearing khaki uniforms and blue pugarees, making it difficult to distinguish them from the British. Locusts are appearing.

A NIGHT BOMBARDMENT. London, November 17.-The following censored dispatch from Pretoria gives details of the engagement referred to in the Associated Press dispatch from Pretoria of Wednesday, November

"The Free Staters had taken up a

position on a small hill when an English battery advanced and attacked them, sending a hail of shells on the hill for an hour, when the Transvaal cannon put some shells right in the midst of the battery, sending the English to cover behind the hill. Two burghers were killed and six wounded. When the British fell back on Ladysmith several shells exploded among them, but the execution done could not

At midnight all the Afrikander cannon on the hills surrounding the town opened fire simultaneously on Ladysmith, turning the quiet and darkness of night into a lurid inferno of whisktling, shrieking shells, speeding from Battle - New Entrenchments About all points of the compass to the doomed city. Several buildings on fire were seen from Bulwan hill. During the day the troops left the city deserted and sought shelter on the edge of the hill to escape our death-dealing shells."

THE PRISONERS AT PRETORIA. The dispatch from Pretoria also says that the prisoners at that place include: The Eighteenth hussars, 4 officers and 91 non-commissioned officers and men; the Dublin fusileers, 4 officers and 12 non-commissioned officers and 533 non-commissioned officers and men; the Gloucesters, 14 officers and 305 non-commissioned officers and they would disclose was the fact that | men; the artillery, 5 officers and 60 non-commissioned officers and men; the rifles, 2 officers and 89 non-commissioned officers and men; the Leices-A correspondent who has just visit- ters, no officers and 6 non-commissioned officers and men; the dragoons, 1 man; the Natal police, 1 man; political, 62 men; sick, 38 men.

The dispatch adds: "Trains are Captain Wylie, in an interview, said working excellently from Pretoria to Ladysmith. The Boers have ample food, but are short of clothes, boots and mackintoshes.'

Pretoria, November 15.-In an engagement yesterday morning south of cheer him up. A shell landed among thirteen guns, attacking 380 burghers 1899. the protecting boulders, spattering of the Transvaal. A big gun was fired on the troops, who retired at 3 o'clock to a kloof, near Ladysmith. The Bitish loss is unknown. The Boers had

BOERS NEAR ESTCOURT.

Estcourt, November 17.—The Elmelo Boer force has taken a position near Ennerdale, a few miles north of here. They have eight 7-pounders and two French guns. Their strength is 200 men. They have looted Henderson's store. All is quiet here and ready for the enemy if he attacks. There is no anxiety.

BRITISH FORCES IN SOUTH AF-RICA.

The admiralty announced this evening the arrival at Cape Town today of the troopship Arcana, with a battalion of the Argyle and Southerland Highlanders (the Princess Louise's regiment) bringing the reinforcements up to 23,500, of which 7,290 have already disembarked at Durban, with eighteen field guns, a number of machine guns, engineers and hospital troops, as well as 700 mules.

This force, with that already between Estcourt and Durban, is considyard to advance and to take aggressive action against the Boers south of Ladysmith. According to the latest advices, Ladysmith is holding out sufficiently, everything having been well up to Wednesday.

In view of the Boer distruction of bridges, the war office has issued orders for the shipment of a quantity of bridge work between this and the end of the year.

GERMANS IN THE BOER ARMY. Durban, Thursday, November 16.-A gentleman who was arrested at Johannesburg, taken to Pretoria and released, has arrived here, via Delagoa bay. While at Pretoria he was confined on the race course with the military prisoners, comprising 52 officers and 1,275 non-commissioned officers and men from Natal, 10 officers and 25 non-commissioned officers and men from Mafeking, and four men from Fort Tuli. The prisoners' guards were almost exclusively Germans and the artillerymen manning the forts were also mostly Germans. The prisoners were well fed and were shown every consideration. Most of the officers were removed to more comfortable quarters in the town.

London, November 17.—It is reported that the British government has purchased the Cruesot guns ordered by the Transvaal, but not delivered. An official dispatch confirms the statement that Captain J. A. Haldane, of the Gordon Highlanders, attached to the Dublin fusileers, and Lieutenant T. H. Frankland (not Franklin) and thrity-seven non-commissioned officers and men of the Dublin Fusileers are

missing. Captain Haldane distinguished himself by his services in India, for which he received the D. S. O. (champion of the distinguished service order.) He was also wounded at Elandslaagte. TO INTERCEPT BRITISH ADVANCE

London, November 17.-A dispatch from Lourenzo says: "A Pretoria newspaper announced last Wednesday that 4,000 burghers had left General Joubert's force around Ladysmith to join Commandant Botha's force near Estcourt, with a view of assisting to intercept the British advance to the relief of Ladysmith.

"General Lucas Meyer, the State commander, has asserted in the course of an interview that he is convinced that the battle of Elandsgaate will be the 'first and last Boer defeat of the

BOMBARDED NIGHT AND DAY. hard pressed. On November 9th having cial count. during the night placed men close to the town, the Boers, after a heavy bombardment, began an assault, but were repulsed alt every point with heavy losses. The Boers have destroyed one of the bridges over the Tugela

### VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Petersburg, Va., November 17.-The third day's session of the Virginia Methodist conference was devoted to subjects. On a question of law sub-Bishop Wilson ruled that it had been decided sometime ago that when a traveling preacher dies in active work the claim of the widow and orphans on the conference fund begins at the time of his death.

The board of education reported contributions aggregating \$30,281.37. Of this sum \$6,000 was contributed by preachers and their families.

HOMICIDE OVER POLITICS. Middlesboro, Ky., November 17 .-John M. Tate, of Lee county, Virginia, was shot and killed today by Deputy Sheriff Evan Bledsoe, of the same county. Tate was a leading democratic politician and Bledsoe a leader among the republicans. Trouble over politics | movement to start a Bryan and Schley led to the killing.

## DEMOCRATS PROTEST

AGAINST THE COUNTING OF THE VOTE OF LOUISVILLE.

#### MILITARY INTIMIDATION

At the Polls on Election Day Ground of the Protest-Rejection of This Vote Would Elect Goebel - Bradley to Stand by Taylor-Precedent for State Board Refusing to Go Behind the Re-Indicted.

Louisville, Ky., November 17 .- Attorneys for William Goebel today filed notice with the local election board asking that the vote of the city of Louisville be thrown out. They claim my heart for a good many years, but and men; the Irish fusileers, 10 officers that the election officers and voters were intimidated by the militia, ordered out by Governor Bradley on November 7th. If the election board throws out the vote of Louisville Goebel will have a safe plurality.

The notice served on the commissioners follows:

"For the democratic candidates we now give notice that, at the close of the count and before any certificates are issued, we will move the board and all other authorities that may consider this election, to declare null and void, the election held in the city of Louis-Ladysmith the British advanced with ville on the Seventh day of November

"1st, Because of the usurpation of William Bradley in calling out and illegally using the militia and overawing and intimidating the voters and officers one man killed and three wounded. In of and at said election, and interfering church, delivered a sensational adwith the progress of said election and with the duties of the officers of said election.

"2nd, Because S. B. Toney unlawfully usurped power in requesting said William O. Bradley to call out the militia for said purpose, when said call was entirely unnecessary and the civil authorities were able and willing to execute any order made by said court.

"3rd, Because said militia was used for the unlawful purposes aforesaid. "4th, Because said election was not a civil election, but a military election. "5th, Because the said use of the said militia was unlawful in every respect and a criminal usurpation of power by said named persons and thereby the tution of the state of Kentucky was committed."

since the official count began. It was excepted Justice Harlan, who was the freely reported on election day that if negroes' friend. He said the negroes the militia was called out it would result in some such step.

This dispute will prolong and aggraered sufficient to enable General Hild- vate the fight, for the republicans will make every effort in their power to retain Taylor's plurality. Buford S. Williams, Coleman Carr

and Wingate Thompson, democratic

election officers of Franklin county. were today indicted by the Federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy and intimidation against colored voters. Frankfort, Ky., November 17.-The proposition today from Goebel's lawyers to throw out the entire vote of Jefferson county, which includes Louisville, was not wholly unlooked for by the republican leaders. It is now said Senator Deboe's visit here last night was for the purpose of ascertaining agreed upon a report, recommending definitely to what extent Governor Bradley will support Taylor in the event that Goebel is given the certificate of election, based on this proceeding. Senator Deboe and Governor Bradley are not on speaking terms and

a third party acted as a "go between." Deboe says he is satisfied Bradley will stand by Taylor and will vigorously resist Goebel. Senator Lindsay will be asked to act as one of the attorneys for the anti-Goebel side before the state election commission.

The republicans have found a precedent established by the state election commission last year, in which the board by a unanimous vote, decided it was merely a canvassing board and had no power to pass on contests. This was the case of Mordecal Williams, democrat, who filed a contest for the certificate of election as congressman in the Ninth district on the ground that fraudulent votes had been cast for Congressman Pugh, in several counties. The board declined to hear the contest, on the ground of lack of jurisdiction and awarded the certificate of election to Pugh on the face of the returns.

Taylor's lawyers now claim that under this decision the vote of Johnson and Knox counties, at least must be counted as certified. They have not given an opinion as to the bearing of this ruling on the Jefferson county case. If Jefferson county is thrown out the political complexion of the legislature will be affected, as one senator and seven representatives will have to be elected under a special election called by the governor.

Louisville, Ky., November 17.-The official count was received today from Floyd and Knott counties. Floyd gives Goebel 156 and Knott gives him 459 plurality.

In the last tabulated returns, printed Wednesday morning, from democratic was figured at one vote. In this table London, November 18.-Special dis- Floyd (unofficial) gave Goebel 400 plupatches from Pietermarkzburg and rality and Knott 439 plurality. The Lourenzo Marques say that Lady- official returns from these two counties smith is bombarded night and day and show a net loss of 224 from the unoffi-

### HOBART RALLIES.

President Hobart retired tonight feeling much better than yesterday, and Dr. Newton said there is every prospect that the paltient will pass a favorable night. His condition this morning was unfavorable, but the marked improvement tonight has again raised the hopes of the members of the family. Dr. Newton said tonight the discussion of several interesting that notwithstanding the cheerfulness amounted to \$15,000. This office makes of the patient and the increased nopes mitted by the joint board of finance, of the family, the autending physicians felt the same anxiety for the patient that they did three weeks ago.

> A BRYAN AND SCHLEY BOOM. LaPorte, Ind., November 17 .- Hon. James Murdock, of LaFayette, one of the best known democrats in the state, says in an interview that the sentiment of the Indiana democrats is favorable to the nomination of Admiral Schley as vice president on a

> ticket with Bryan. Mr. Murdock is credited with being a candidate for the democratic state central committee chairmanship, and is also spoken of for national committeeman from Indiana, and his utterance is accepted as a significant boom in the state.

EVANGELIST MOODY ILL.

Stricken With Heart Affection and Taken to His Home.

Kansas City, Mo., November 17 .-Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, who has been preaching here to thousands nightly in Convention hall, was stricken with heart trouble today. His engagement was cut short and tonight he is en route or his home at Northfield. Mass., in the care of Dr. Schauffler, of this city, and Mr. G. M. Vining, the teller of the Union national bank. They are traveling in a special car provided by the committee of churchturns-Democratic Election Officers | men who brought Mr. Moody to Kansas City.

It is admitted that Mr. Moody's condition is serious, though when the evangelist was seen at his hotel shortly before being taken to the ranway staltion, he expressed the belief that his condition was not serious. He stated that he was feeling very weak and added: "I have had trouble with There is nothing alarming about my condition, I believe."

The reports as to the seriousness of Mr. Moody's condition are conflicting. Several of his intimate frends stated tonight that, while his condition was serious, it was not critical. These friends, however, reluctantly admitted that they believe his career as a great public speaker, was nearing the end. Dr. Schauffler said in his opinion the evangelist's condition was not essentially worse than for some time past, and that he was simply exhausted from his recent exertions before the big crowds that have been gathering to hear him. Dr. Schauffler added, how-

THE GEORGIA FRANCHISE BILL. Macon, Ga., November 17.-Bishop H. M. Turner, of the African M. E. dress this morning to the Georgia conference of the African Methodist church. He urged every possible opposition by Georgia negroes to the Hardwick bill, to limit the suffrage now before the legislature. He said he proposed taking the stump himself and implored every minister to do likewise. He said the law would reduce every negro to the ignoble status of a free slave and that conditions would be worse than before the war. It would outlaw every black man and woman. He said the author was merely seeking notoriety and was backed by the "poor white" element. "Not one negro in thirty ever thinks of votcivil power was subordinated to the ing," the bishop declared. "They do military power, and an overt act of a not sell their votes. Three votes are treasonable nature against the consti- sold for every negro ballot purchased." The bishop denounced the supreme court of the United States for taking This action had been expected ever away the negroes' civil rights, but

> tions was on their side. He urged that every minister assist in getting signatures to the petition to congress for an appropriation of \$105,000,000 to be used in sending 7,000.-000 of the race to Africa, so that there would be an end of race conflicts in this country. He said the legislature would have to fight the negro of Georgia on his knee, as he prays night and day to God "to blight and curse the promoters of this unrighteous meas-

had no army, but that the God of na-

THE NEW CRUISERS.

Washington, November 17.-The board on naval construction today that the navy department award the contracts for constructing the six new protected cruisers authorized by congress to the following concerns: Union Iron Works, of San Francisco; Louis Nixon, of the Crescent Shipbuilding Works, Elizabethport, N. J.; The Bath Iron Works, of Bath, Me.; The Trigg Shipbuilding Company, of Richmond, Va.; The Fore River Company, of Massachusetts: Neafle & Levy, of Philadelphia, Pa.

The recommendations will be made in a report to be submitted to acting Secretary Allen, by Admiral O'Neil, president of the construction board, and the awards are not final until the board's findings are approved by the secretary. The lowest bidders did not receive the preference in all cases, and it is to be presumed that the board was influenced in its selections by considerations of meritorious design and unquestionable ability of the concerns to perform the work they will be called upon to undertake.

THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR. Boston, November 17.-It was business all day and a dance in the evening at the general assembly of the Knights of Labor today. General Master Workman John I. Parsons, of New York, presided at the business session. The proposition of the United Mine Workers of America to turn over that body t othe Knights of Labor, 12,000 miners, provided John Flannery, editor of The Trade Journal, was dropped from the order, was received coolly, as the assembly seemed to doubt the ability of the officials to make such a stupendous transfer without the 12,-000 men having anything to say about it.

Atlanta, Ga., November 17.-Three insources, Goebel's plurality in the state dictments were found by the grand jury today in the Atlanta and West Point railroad shortage case. Two are against Thomas J. Hunter, the former auditor of the company and the third is against Albert Howell, Sr., who was until recently, the union ticket agent. President George C. Smith, of the Atlanta and West Point road, appeared Paterson, N. J., November 17.-Vice as prosecutor. The indictments are based on a shortage of about \$21,000 recently discovered in the union ticket | ried to the supreme court of the state, office. The charge is embezzlement, if necessary. The cases have caused The whereabouts of Mr. Hunter is not a great deal of talk throughout this known.

INDICTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Charlotte News: The first shipment the vigorous enforcement of the law. of gold this month from Charlotte assay office was made today. The bar two shipments each month.

A QUICK CURE FOR COUGHS and COLDS The Canadian Remedy for all Throat and Lung Affections.

Large Bottles, 25 cents. DAVIS & LAWRENCE CO., Limited, Prop's Perry Davis' Psin-Killer.

LETTER FROM MR. HYDE

REGARDING THE LEAKAGE AS TO THE COTTON CROP REPORT.

### THE DEPARTMENT NOT AT FAULT

The Report Given to Both Telegraph Companies - Western Union Admits Its Culpability in Delay in Transmission to New York Exchange - The Postal Office at Washington Gives It to Other Persons When Not Called For By Exchange Operator After Notice.

New York, November 17.-The board of managers of the New York cotton exchange is investigating the reports that persons interested in the cotton exchanges have received advance in-I never felt as weak as I do now. formation from the government's latest estimate of the cotton crop. Superintendent King, of the exchange, today made public a letter from John Hyde, statistician of the department of agriculture at Washington dated November 16th, in which he says:

"I replied at once to your telegram of the 14th instant, to the effect that the supplementary statement issued that day with regard to the cotton crop was given to the two telegraph companies at 11:55 o'clock a. m. I might have added that they were inever, that Mr. Moody must have quiet formed of its coming at least an hour in advance. If, therefore, it did not reach the cotton exchange until 2:45 o'clock p. m., nearly three hours had elapsed between its being given to the telegraph companies and its reaching your office, and nearly four hours between the telegraph companies being informed that the statement was to be

made and such delivery. "The reason for making the statement | the saloon of the transport Logan. is found, as stated in the circular itself. in the fact that the department's preliminary estimates have frequently been much below the actual facts, and it was desired that it should be properly understood that the department fully recognize this fact, and was taking every precaution against its recurrence. Had the department contented itself with letting the statement appear in the course of a few days, in its printed report it might either have failed to abtract attention or have given some persons an advantage over others. by reason of the fact that the printed report is issued in so large an edition that its distribution extends over several days. By handing it, therefore, to the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, it was expected that the most prompt and general publicity would be given to it through cotton exchanges.

"The two companies were notified not later than 11 o'clock that a statement would be given to them, and at 11:55 o'clock their representatives were

in possession of it. "The local manager of the Western Union informs the department that the transmission of the statement was delayed by an oversight which seems to have been in the nature of a misunderstanding between two operators, while the Postal Telegraph Company state that they asked their operator at the New York cotton exchange of he wanted it and receiving no answer they gave it out elsewhere.

"The department does not take 9,000,000 bales as the possible maximum, as some of its critics have charged. It merely states that while present indications do not exceed those figures, yet in view of the experience of the past the crop may turn out to be as large as 9,500,000 bales.

"In view of the failure of the statement of Tuesday to reach you promptly, I certainly will advise you in future when any statement is to be issued aside from the regular statement on the 10th of the month and the printed statement which follows it, but in handing Tuesday's statement simultaneously to the two rival companies whose service on the 10th of the month is usually so satisfactory it was certainly felt that everything was done to insure prompt and general publication of the statement to every one in-

terested." The cotton exchange has received a report from the Washington branch of the Western Union Company, which practically assumes responsibility for the delay in sending out the statement. The cotton exchange manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, denies that their representative at Washington inquired whether the report was wanted at this end. The telegraph companies, it is believed, are conducting examinations on their own account.

THE VACCINATION CASES.

Americus, Ga., November 17.-The cases of the Christian Scientists who refused to be vaccinated, were settled today, so far as the mayor's court can settle them, by the sentencing of E. J. McMath to imprisonment at the city hall for thirty days and a fine of \$15. Five ladies of the congregation were sentenced to fifteen days' confinement at some place to be designated by the chief of police and to pay a fine of \$3 each. The same sentences of fine and | they make a recommendation to conimprisonment will be assessed against gress for the improvement of the such other members of the congregation as may refuse to obey the vaccination ordinance.

Mr. McMath is a leading merchant of Americus and the ladies involved belong to the best families in the city. Counsel has been employed to represent the Christian Scientists and their cases will be certioraried to the superior court and will ultimately be carimmediate section, and there has been no small amount of feeling aroused by

VIRGINIA BAPTISTS.

Richmond, Va., November 17.-The Baptist general association of Virginia convened here tonight. Dr. A. S. Owen, of Berkley, as president, called the body to order, and 450 delegates answered the roll call. At least fifty more are expected. There will be two sessions a day, the convention extending through to Monday.

TWENTY BUILDINGS BURNED. Magnolia, Ark., November 17.-After a hard fight by the citizens the cotton compress and warehouse, in which were stored 8,000 bales of cotton, and which was seriously threatened by fire last night, was saved. Some twenty stores and buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss of \$75,000. The amount of insurance and the cause of the fire is not known.

INSURGENTS MASSING.

Preparing for Making Raids-MacArthur Starts After Aguinaldo-Letter From a Prisoner.

Manifa, November 17 .- Generals Mac-Arthur's and Lawton's commands are now near each other. General MacArthur is getting supplies in Tarlac over the railroad from Bamban with an engine which was raised from the river by the Ninth infantry. Colouel Howes, who occupied Victoria with six troops of the Third cavalry, has advanced to

A letter was found at Victoria from Private Desmond, of the signal corps, one of the twenty-one American prisoners held there. These prisoners, the letter said, were expecting to be taken to the mountains before the army ar-

Two thousand insurgents are reported to be massing at Gerona, above Tarlac, and General MacArdo is said to be in the mountains west of Angeles with a 1,000 men, proposing to make raids. Rain has been falling throughout the month and for the past week there has been a heavy downpour. The whole country is in as bad condition as at any time this season.

MAJOR LOGAN BURIED IN

MANILA. Washington, November 17.-A dispatch was received at the war department today from General Otis saying that it was impossible to send the remains of the late Major John A. Logan to this country now and therefore he had been buried at Manila. Five days elapsed before the body could be sent from the battlefield to Manila. General Otis says that the servant of Major Logan with the affects of the major sailed on the Sikh for the United States. A fine portrait of Major Logan has been sent to the war department by Mrs. Logan which is to be placed in MACARTHUR MOVES NORTH-

WARD. Manija, November 18 .- 8 a. m., General MacArthur, with the Thirty-sixth infantry, a battalion of the Seventeenth infantry, a troop of the Fourth cavalry, several Gatlings and a detachment of the signal corps, has begun his northward advance from Tarlac which will be continued to Bayombong.

EASTERN FIELDTRI ALS.

province of New Vizcaya.

Charlotte, N. C., November 17.-A special from Newton, N. C., to The

Observer, says: The awenty-first annual meeting of the Eastern Field Trial Club is now in progress at this place. A good number of the members of the club and visitors are now on the grounds and many more are expected as the trials progress. Among those present

President of the club, P. Lorillard, Jr., of New York; Secretary Simon C. Bradley and daughter, Greenfield Hill, Conn.; James E. Orr, Theo Sturgess, O. W. Bird, Captain McMurdo and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Breese, New York; George F. Nesbirt and A. G. Nesblit, Kingston, Pa.; Dr. J. S. Brown, Monclair, N. J.; Dr. G. G. Davis, S. Murray Mitchell and Edwin V. Dougherty, Philadelphia; J. N. Lewis, Jersey City; R. V. Fox, Pennsylvania; F. B. Hitchcock, Eldred, N. Y.; Geo. Owens, Virginia; J. M. Aven, Hickory Valley, Tenn.; H. B. Duryea, Red Bank, N. J.; J. H. Johnson, Carlisle, Ind.; George E. Gray, Appleton, Minn.; C. E. Buckle, Charlottesville, Va.; W. W. Titus, West Point, Miss.; B. Waters, reporter for Forest and Stream, New York, and several parties in private cars.

The trials began today with the member stake. Eight dogs were started in the first series in the following order: Joe with Bootsles S.; Clara with Vivian; Ned B. and Jim Signal; Lena Belle and Peconic; Mollie and Jeff; Duva and St. Clair. This race will probably not be finished until tomor-

The weather is a little too warm for pleasant sport, and it is very dry, making good work a severe test on the

Kills His Three Children and Himself. Chicago, November 17.-Cornelius Corcoran today shot and killed three

of his children and fatally wounded the fouth child. Corcoran then killed himself. A few days ago Corcoran administered laudanum to his five children, the oldest of whom was 14 years of age. He claimed the poison was given them by mistake and was not molested

the children, Cornelius, Jr., 5 years of age, died. The others were convalescent. Today Corcoran purchased a revolver and tried to finish the work of annihilation by shooting the children and

himself through the head.

by the authorities. Last night one of

Richmond Wants Deeper Water. Washington, November 17.-A delegation from Richmond called upon the acting secretary of the navy and the secretary of war today and urged that James river. It was represented to Mr. Allen that the shipbuilding yards on the James river make it important that the river be deepened, as naval vessels were being constructed there. It was shown to Secretary Root that the improvements under the present project would require forty years for completion and even then a satisfactory depth of water would not be obtained.

Fertilizer Trust Buys Another Plant. Columbus, Ga., November 17.-The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company owning nearly all the guano factories in Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia, today secured the plant of the Commercial Guano Company, of this city. The consideration is thought to be \$125,000, although the deed stated the price was \$10,000 and other valuable considerations.

THE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

Columbus, O., November 17 .- The executive committee of the National Municipal League today chose Milwaukee as the place of the next meeting. The meeting of the league today opened with an address by Professor L. E. Rowe, of the University of Pennsylvania, on "Public Accounting under the Proposed Municipal Programme." This afternoon there was a general discussion of the report of the committee on municipal improvement, loking to the final adoption of the model charter, which completed the

work of the league for this session.