Fighting Desperately Against Superior Numbers.

nore Than His Judgment,

cas of Leobsdal. The Boers have no century has ever witnessed. and sales have been heavy.

Louches, Feb. 23.-A dispatch to a reas dency which was probably sent-

William Av morning, says: in Pretoria Wednesday, says: welly four hours was refused. "At Petrusberg cannon firing comap mathem, but was met by a mes-driven back. senser who informed him that the gued to camp and ordered bombard- guged."

The are Hery of General French has sen heard firing east of Paardeberg. is supposed that French is engaging Boer reinforcements. Roberts' at a distance of from 1,000 to

gover cards: A news agency dispatch from Paarperg. dated February 20, says:

Thing Sunday ceased at nightfall. Both sides were very tired and glad a hance to rest. The men slept soruly, and, although the men were the worn out by evening, a cordon I been completed and every outlet After nightfall perfect silence prevailed. A few Boers came into the British camp. They confessed they were sick of fighting and had been arging Cronje to surrender. The are suffered terribly from thirst durto supply them with water. Hector MarDonald was wounded in the foot; but not severely.

"Monday morning found the enemy in the same place. During the night around intrenchments around ber langer, which was still threatened Calonel Smith-Dorrien's force infantry rested after yesterday's publy hard day's work, but mounted damity and a battery of horse artilstarted to observe the enemy's losition. A good defensive position on a kople was seized and garrisoned, Buller's casualties on the 20th and the remainder of the force conand the movement and completely fined the enemy's position on the exone left, on which there was a farm as which was strongly held. This was vigorously shelled. The the returned to camp at nightfall, eating a garrison on the ridge. Gen-" I liberts arrived later and adthe troops, who cheered him eathusiastically. Tuesday infantry en-Boers in the bed of the I will driving them a short distance

thery opportunity had been given the enemy to surrender, and when toand the afternoon they gave no sign two thousand yards the Estimenth, Sixty-second and Seventyfill held batteries and two naval 12beliefers. On the north bank and enlating the whole river were placed the Sayyaifth Howitzer battery, the second field batteries and three naval

4.11-1 20018. "Then followed the most wonderful place. was ever my lot to witness. 1 a ver saw such a number of powerful guns concentrating fire on a spot from a mile square. Lyddite raised shapped burst on the edge of each a telegraph wire. Entilading guns must have done terrible execution, yet in a spirit of Cronje's Wife Urges Him to Surrender are strategically important. one of the naval gunners.

useless sacrificing of the lives of his his men. big .. followers."

MOST SUBLIME HEROISM.

Lives to Save Their Country. of man ever inflicted. Englishmen The loss aggregates \$300,000.

utterly fail to appreciate thus far the splendid heroism of these dying patriots and their leader. Their surrender, demanded by Kitchener at the moment when the British hosts had completed their fatal chain around Review of Business at the fore, according to the contention of them, would probably have meant a death-blow to the Boer cause. The road to Bloemfontein would have been left open and the whole of Orange Free State would have been 'at the REFUSES TO SURRENDER mercy of the invaders. Two or three PRICES days' delay might enable part of General Joubert's army and other federal General Roberts Resolves to Crush forces to assemble for effective resistance to the British advance by estab-His Resistance-Terrible Artiller- lishing a second line of defence, which Fire Concentrated on the Boer Posty had long been planned. Cronje's brave men simply decided to throw tion-Both Armies Suffer From themselves beneath the wheels of the Thirst-Pluck of Cronje Admired British juggernaut in order to purchase this brief delay at the expense of their lives. Not this nor any other age can show a sublimer deed which has awakened the admiration of the Town, Feb. 22.-The Laffan Boers' enemies. The whole world will satisfied dent learns that Cronje is pay tribute to this exhibition of valor, semanded at Petrusberg, forty miles which is one of the grandest that the

Since Wednesday morning there has been no news from any source, and falling desperately. They have small what has happened during the past again of escape. The Boer force three days cannot even be guessed. plantages about 9,000. Casualties on There is, however, strong probability that strong Boer reinforcements have arrived in the neighborhood of Cronje's laager, and that operations extend far beyond Koodoesrand. There is men-Calliardeberg Tuesday night or tion of Petrusberg as the battle centre. An official Boer bulletin, issued

on another message arrived to menced at 6 o'clock in the morning liveries by rail, and production on forthat if the British were in- and a big fight was expected to take mer orders keep ahead of the record leading commercial nations. as amough to refuse an armistice place today. DeWitt telegraphed yes- for last or any other Pebruary. for the Durpose of allowing the Boers' terday from Petrusberg that all was their dead, Cronje saw no quiet except for several cannon shots or course but to surrender. Gen- and small skirmishes. Yesterday eve-For Kyrchener thereupon proceeded to- ning the British stormed the federal which are no longer sustained by Boer laager to arrange for positions as far as Schanzes, but were greatly yielding prices of products. plishment of international bimetallism

"A message has been received from thing was a mistake, that Cronje to the effect that his loss yes-Croule had not the slightest intention terday was fourteen killed and woundsa rendering and would fight till ed. DeWitt's loss was nothing during - det. Kitchener thereupon re- the fighting in which he was en-

Colenso Since the Evacuation.

Chleveley Camp, Feb. 22.-Owing to the evacuation of Colemso by Boers, the Laffan correspondent was able to guasare shelling General Cronje's laa- ride over the battlefield today. Soldatirs' graves are in good condition, which disproves the charge of the Boer commandant that the British did not bury their dead properly at Colenso. The interior of houses near Colenso station appear to have been ruthlessly damaged. Furniture and windows have been smashed and papers scartbrigade fought steadily and tered in all directions. Five spans of the railway bridge have been broken down. The Tugela is slightly swollen, but not in flood.

Boers Before Ladysmith.

Wednesday, says:

whether the Boers have fallen back. \$28,531,983 last year. It is quite possible that they occupy heights behind the Colenso position, lantic wheat exports this week, flour as several guns are shelling us now." A dispatch to the Times from Lady-

smitch, February 22, says: "Our pickets captured three armed Germans, who were supposed to be the United States 201 and 33 in flortelligence Department men. One Canada. had an ambulance certificate and wore a hospital band. Bombardment on the 21st was very active."

The War Office has issued a list of 21st as follows:

"Killed, four officers and mine men; wounded, five officers and eighty-six men; missing, five men.'

Reinforcements Sent to Bloemfontein London, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the Times from Lorenzo Marquez of yes-

terday's date says: "Six thousand (Bolers have been sent from Ladysmith to Bloemfontein. The output of the Rand mines for the month of January exceeded £300,000."

Losses at Paardeberg.

balled in crash Cronje's resistance Panedeberg Drift February 18. The one and for all. On the south bank losses are distributed among several of the river he placed in position at regiments. The Seaforth Highlanders had 18 killed.

Mooifontein Occupied.

Cape Town, Feb. 23.-Mooi fontein, Seven y sixth. Eighty-first and Eighty- on the road to Colesberg, has been occupied by a British force sent from Arundel. Boers were driven out of the

British Cross the Tugela.

Chieveley Camp, Feb. 23.—British green smoke, which wante Hill Wednesday. Corporal

desperate madness now and again a London, Feb. 24.-A dispatch to The For word attempt a sniping shot at Daily News, dated Koodoesrand, February 21, ascribes to Boer prisoners a impossible not to admire statement that Cronje's wife is urging The Principle Involved Different From Cronije's plack, but all condemn his him to surrender to save the lives of

Great Fire in a Canadian Town.

Cronje's Followers Sacrificing Their much of the town has been practically been released by the British govern- jumping from a fourth-story window destroyed. The city hall, Canadian ment, is radically different from the of the building in which the fire start-Lendon, Feb. 24.—All accounts agree Pacific Railway station, the opera principle asserted in case of the seiz- ed. Six firemen were hurt by falling in that Cronje's army is suf- house, courthouse, Masonic temple and ure of the Mashona, Maria and Beat- bricks and glass, one seriously. The fer as martyrdom under the most telegraph offices have been burned, rice, off Delagoa Bay. In the case of loss is \$750,000. The flames started framely bombardment the ingentity Telegraphic communication is cut off. the Sabine the objection of the United on the third floor of the May building in favor of human rights and not His condition is critical, both legs bear

Close of the Week.

Otherwise Have Languished-Iron and Leather Goods Are Lower, but Cottons Are Still Advancing-Exports Very Heavy.

New York, Feb. 23.-Dun's Weekly Review of Trade domorrow will say: Prices of mattenials are yielding. If come for the whole country, since in-

rassed by prices for pig and bullets, per ton below recent quotations. New concurrent action of leading commerboot and shoe makers to take contracts ver." for split goods at 21/2 cents less than | The funding provision of the Senate year. Wood quotations are fully 3 them. still advancing.

son, yet stocks have declined 6 cents by the United States. a share for railways, in part because When the reading of the conference

say, owing to the broken ground, were, curiously, \$35,680,412, against over till the next day for considera-

Cotton exports are better, and Atincluded, were but 354,000 bushels less than fast year, with Pacific exports larger by 358,375 bushels.

Failhures for the week have been, in

Bradstreet's Review.

are narrow in extent.

HAND OF GERMANY IN IT.

in Regard to Certain Islands.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The governmany is behind Spain in its claim that dred each. The State committee today the islands of Sibutu and Cayagan- tellegraphed to Kansas City for quargives the names of 147 men killed at Paperdeberg Drift February 18. The the bounds of the Philippine territory that are preparing for a demonstrative are distributed assessing to the bounds of the Philippine territory that will sixed an attribute the formal and cayagain-there for 10,000 Nebraska Democrats. described in the Paris treaty, were not kind ever attempted at a National suffered the heaviest losses, having 35 matter was considered at the cabinet Convention. of their men killed. The Canadians meeting today. A Laffan reporter subsequently learned from a member of the cabinet that the statement that the Unlitted States would withdraw its au- Two Men Dead and One Wounded as thority over the Islands was an error. On the contrary, the government adheres to its contention that both the islands were transferred to the United States by the Paris treaty. No answer has been made to Spain. The United the justice of Spain's representations. troops crossed the Tugela near Alang- The fact that recent inquiries by German officialls in regard to the owner. Sylvester Hinson were found dead, that would destroy the industry. He Whitehead, Ramsey, Berkeley, Root, filled the hed of the river, while Adams swam the river at Colenso with ship of the islands are practically co. and Walter Stevens was badly cut and declared that the republic could not Cooke and others. incident with Spaile's representations shot. Stevens was suing Hinson, his violate its promise made to these weak

SEIZURE OF THE SABINE.

That in the Case of the Masbona.

Washington, Feb. 23.- The position Philadelphia Business Houses Burned

unwarranted interference with trade of a character which admitted of no question as to absolute neutrality.

The Sabine left New York for British ports in South Africa, and therethe United States, any question conceraing the nature of her cargo must be settled by the British authorities after it has been landed at the British ports to which it is consigned. The YIELDING fact that the Sabine is a British vessel did not, it was contended, lessen the right of the United States to pro-Reaction From Extreme Figures Will test against the seizure, as her departure from an American port placed Stimulate Industries That Might the action of the British naval authorities in the light of interference with American trade.

AMENDED FINANCIAL BIL!

Senate Features Providing for International Bimetallism and Funding the National Debt Retained in the Bill by the Conference Committee.

Washington, Feb. 23.-The confernot the best news possible for some ence committee on the Financial bill speculations, it is the best what could finished its labors this evening. The bill as modified by the conferees was reported back to the Senate and dustries could not long prosper with House. The Senate paragraph conout reaction from the extreme prices cerning bimetallism was accepted by caused by actual or supposed scarcity the House conferees, as also, with some of Quay. The worte was followed with of materials last year. The revision of modifications, the Senate provision quotations gives promise of greater concerning the funding of the national debt. The House accepts the Senate activity in all chief industries. It is amendment that provisions of the act the only future that has been clouded, not intended to place any obstacle in for as yet payment through banks, de- the way of international bimetallism

In the Senate Mr. Aldrich presented the conference report on the Financial Mr. Aldrich, the main discussion of The iron industry has been embar-bill, and it was read. The bimetallic the bill being fixed for Thursday. The clause of the bill now reads:

"That the provisions of this act are not intended to preclude the accom-Considerable transactions are now re- whenever conditions shall make it ex- ed his speech against the idea that ported at Philadelphia at \$1 to \$1.50 pedient and practicable to secure the the constitution does not of its own furnaces supplying foundry from have cial nations of the world and at a ratio been competing sharply at the east. | which shall insure permanence of the Oiseaper hides and leather enable relative value between gold and sil-

prices recently asked. Hides at Chi-bill stands as passed by that body,

cents per scoured pound higher than An additional section added by the delivery was unique and effective, his the expenditure of \$100,000 for the apprices in large actual sales last week conferees provides that nothing con- attitude being indifferent and defiant prehension of the assassin of Goebel. and since. Prices of cotton goods are tained in the act shall be construed to in turn. He assailed the position of were passed. Many minor bills were affect the legal tender quality as now the majority of the Committee on rushed through the Senate in the hope Railroads are actually delivering a provided by law of the silver dollar Ways and Means, declaring it unwar- that they would pass the House before larger tonnage than ever at this sea- or any other money coined or issued ranted and unconstitutional. It was next Wednesday, the date on which,

industrials have declined \$1.54 and report was finished in the Senate, an decision to twelve millions of people, journ sine die. street car and gas stocks \$2.70 per order was made for printing the con- He asserted his confidence in the deference report and the House bill, the feat of the bill, a sentiment that was The heaviest exports from New York Senate bill and the conference bill, all echoed on the floor of the House. London, Feb. 23.-A dispatch to the ever recorded in any week might re-stitched together. The matter then Times from Chieveley Camp, dated lieve some anxieties. With shipments went over till Wednesday next, Mr. of \$14,521,568 in value last week, and Aldrich saying that a statement would the bill, and Bartholdt, Russell, Lacey Boer langers mean Ladysmith are in three weeks \$35,134,689, against then be made in explanation of the and Gardener in support of the meas- unteer soldiers remaining here on the tighting, but it was impossible plainly visible. It is impossible to \$28,183,105 last year, imports here conference report, and it would go ure.

TEN THOUSAND SHOUTERS.

Nebraskans Will Go in Force to the

National Democratic Convention. Lincoln, Feb. 23.-As soon as information was received that the National Democratic Convention would be held in Missouri and at a point close to Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Gen- Nebraska, William J. Bryan's friends erall distributive trade is satisfactory and the State Democratic Committee in volume, though affected by weather began to make plans to have thouconditions and holidays. Spring busi-sands of Democrats go to Kansas mess is enlarging at many markets, City on the date of the convention and the presence of buyers being encour- give Bryan an ovation similar to that aged by special passenger rates. The given to General Grant on his first softening of prices of speculatively nomination. It is estimated that 10,000 dealt in staples is noted, but reactions Nebraskan red-hot Democrats will be present to screech and howl for Bryan. They propose to wear unliforms consisting of long wistens and white stove pipe hats, with red rib-Significance of Spain's Representations bons around them, and each to carry a walking stock made of Nebraska corn stalks. The counties propose to ment has reason to suspect that Ger- form clubs of not less than one hun-

FREE FIGHT AT A TRIAL.

the Result of a Petty Suit. Birmingham, Feb. 23.—Pistols, clubs, knives and stones were used today just outside of a little justice's office near Horse Creek, Walker county, Ala., in a general fight by a crowd wither of them produced anything in Miss Harrington with Mr. Chadbourn; of reaching a definite conclusion as to of men interested in a lawsuit about sufficient quantity to compete with Miss Jordan with Mr. Burns. the rent of Some land. When the smoke cleared away Jack Boyd and is regarded as significant. Both islands nephew, and the quarrel started in and helpless people without sullying the courtroom and was continued on its honor and tarnishing its fame. the outside. Boyd was not in the (Applause.) fight, but was killed instantly by a "Why gentlemen," he continued. made.

taken by the State Department in re- Philadelphia, Feb. 23.-A dozen gard to the seizure of the British buildings in Arch street, in the busiat London, Ont., this morning, and South African ports, which has just tonight. One woman was killed by States was that her seizure was an and quickly spread to others.

A Majority of Senators Favorable to His Claim.

COMES UP AGAIN MONDAY

Conference Report on Financial Bil to Be Considered in the Senate Next Wednesday-Porto Rican Tariff Bill probably a score of members present Discussed in the House-Littlefield and Predicts Its Defeat.

Washington, Feb. 23.-In the Senate itoday three subjects of importance came up: the Quay case, the conference report on the Financial bill and the bill to provide government for the terridory of Hawaii. In the first menthomed matter the vote on taking it up showed a majority of six in favor speech by Mr. Daniel, insisting on Quay's right to a seat. Then the matter went over till Monday.

The conference report on the Financial bill was presented and read and when the proceedings were conducted. its consideration postponed till Wed- There was no ill feeling exhibited. The nesday, when it is to be explained by Democrats had a quorum and passed Hawaiian bill was discussed by campaign. Senator Roberts, a Brown Messrs. Morgan, Vest and Foraker. Mr. Vest opposed the bill and directpower apply to new insular possessions. His speech was replied to and gives the railroad commission power his arguments met by Mr. Foraker.

Debate on Porto Rican Tariff Bill.

bate on the Porto Rican Tariff bill up fatled to pass over Governor Bradley's cago have again yielded, making a 3 the only change being an additional to the present time, made so by the veto in 1898. per cent fall in the month. Shipments clause making an appropriation of speech of Mr. Littlefield of Maine in A bill fixing a penalty of \$500 to of boots and shoes from the east have one-fifteenth of one per cent of the opposition to the bill. He spoke near- \$5,000 for a railroad company to subbeen in three weeks 280,193 cases, face value of bonds to defray the ly two and a half hours, holding the scribe money to a campaign fund, and against 243,379 the largest previous expense of printing and preparing entire audience on the floor and in a substitute for the reward bill crethe galleries in closest attention. His ating a commission to have charge of an attempt, he declared, to apply the under the proposed resolution of monstrous doctrine of the Dred-Scott Judge Lafferty, the assembly will ad-

Other speakers of the day were Messrs. Jones and Maddox, against test.

Mr. Littliefield, in his speech, said in

warranted, unprecedented and unconstitutional.

"The leaders of the Republican panty will find me, on all measures that inally in their footsteps. When a ques- doning power, but the prison officials tion, thowever, arises that involves, in only recognize Beckham. my judgment, grave questions of right or wrong, I feel that every individual member of the Republican party must be allowed to think, speak and act for himself."

The speaker referred to the resources of the inhabitants of the island, refuting the statement that but twenty mer cent of them could read. The financial condition of the island at the time the American flag was raised was shown in detail, greatly to the ciredia of the people. He reviewed the provisions of the bill and quoted the recommendation of General Davis, and said that if the elimination of money lenders under old conditions was secured and planters were given an opportunity to borrow money at five or six per cent, no one could tell to what prosperity the island would attain. Discussing the politics in the bill,

Mr. Littlefield said it came, into the House against the recommendation of Miss Busbee, of Raleigh, with Mr. General Davis, of Secretary Root and Turner; Miss Thompson, of Raleigh, President McKindey, and against the with Mr. Thompson; Miss Tucker, of original opinions of the chairman of Durham, with Mr. Rhyne; Miss Lyon, the Committee on Ways and Means. of Durham, with Mr. Richardson; Miss He reviewed the speeches of Messrs. Hill, of Halifax, with Mr. Bryan; Miss Payme and Ray of New York, and Connor, of Wilson, with Mr. Andrews;

productions of the United States, to put our feet on their neck, with a tariff Mangum and Henderson and Messrs.

stray bullet. No arrests have been where say that we are about to inaugurate a policy of colonial government. I want to ask the gentlemen in this Chairman Eaton today called the House if they desire to signalize our Democratic county convention for entry on a colonial policy by a breach March 31 to elect delegates to the of good faith. What is it that has State convention. characterized proud Spain and made Toronto, Feb. 23.—Fire broke out steamship Sabine, from New York to ness section of the city, were burned her imfamous before every honorable Solicitor Mott is pulling for Congressmaltion upon the earth? It is her du- man Linney for Judge Ewart's place plicity and breach of good faith."

questions in the case, Mr. Littlefield nomination for Congress. said that if he had any doubts conagainst them. The Dred Scott decision | ing paralyzed,

aroused the moral sentiments of the country because it declared that the negro had no rights that the white man was bound to respect, and yet. advocates of the bill declared that twelve millions of blacks and browns, of whom the United States had secured possession, had no rights the white men were bound to respect. Mr. Littlefield said he saw nothing grotesque or impossible in applying the rights guaranteed by the constitution to the people of Porto Rico or the Philippines.

Debate at Night Session.

Washington, Feb. 23.—There were

at the night session of the House, and the galleries were crowded. Among Attacks the Bill as Unconstitutional the speakers were Messrs. Lloyd, Little, White of North Carolina and Sul-

DEMOCRATS DO BUSINESS

The Legislature of Kentucky Running Without Republican Assistence-The Senate Passes Two Measures Relating to Railroads-Rival Presiding Officers.

Frankfort, Feb. 23.-There was again a clash in the Senate today between president pro-tem Canter and Lieutenlank Governor Marshall. The Republicans, recognized Marshall and immediately adjourned. Carter presided over the Democratic Senators. The two presiding officers sat side by side several of the most important meastires before the body, including several bill's which were issues of the recent Democrait who has heretofore refused to act with the Goebel Democrats, today participated and voted on several

Among the measures passed today. was the McChord railroad bill, which to fix freigh't rates and provides a penalty for discrimination. This bill was the special order in the Senate on the This was the greatest day in the de- day Goebel was shot. This measure

Governor Taylor returned from Louisville today, having spent last night there. This is the first time he has been out of the city during the con-

The day has been very quiet and volguard were removed from their old posts, and not until nightfall were they to be seen on duty and the old "I believe the pending bill to be un-lines established. The city council has requested Governor Taylor to send the soldiers to their homes, and have offered him police protection. It is said that the soldiers will be sent home. volve Republican policy, following loy- Both Taylor and Beckham use the par-

UNIVERSITY GERMAN.

The February Dance an Occasion of Unusual Brilliance.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 23.—Special. The annual February dance of the University German Club is being given tonight in Gymnasium hall. It is an unusually brilliant occasion, and many of the State's fairest daughters are in attendance. The german is led by Mr. R. Graham Woodard, assisted by Messrs, Kemp Lewis and Will Battle, and many beautiful figures are executed. Those in attendance are: Miss Hanes, of Winston, with Mr. Marvin Carr; Miss Norris, of Raleigh, with Mr. John Carr; Miss Hinsdale, of Raleigh, with Mr. Alexander; Miss Vass of Raleigh, with Professor May: made sport of their legal propositions. Miss Young, of Henderson, with Mr. It was said that there was another Rose: Miss Wright, of Portsmouth, objection to the bill, that it was in- with Mr. Davis; Miss Rogers, of Raltended as a declaration of policy to- eigh, with Mr. Holmes: Miss Bynum ward the Philippines and Porto Rico. with Mr. Moore; Miss Moses with Mr. That declaration was that as soon as Cowles; Miss MacRae with Mr. Shull;

MOTT'S SLY GAME.

The stags are Professors Howell,

Wants Linney to Be Judge so He Can Go to Congress.

Winston, N. C., Feb. 23.-Special.-

A prominent Republican says that in case the latter is not confirmed. By Turing to a discussion of the legal this Mott hopes to get the Republican

While in the woods chopping, a tree cerning them he should resolve them fell on John Mecum of Kernersville,