

To Protect American Missionaries. Hankow, China, Dec. 13.—A landing party of blue jackets and marines from the United States gunboat Villa Lobos, which was sent up the river to Tung Ting lake to protect the escaping American missionaries from the attacks of pirates, reached Yo Chow without mishap.

McNamara Aftermath. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.—Two bits of aftermath of the McNamara case were set for today. The federal grand jury was scheduled to continue this afternoon its investigation of the conspiracy, and early today Bert H. Franklin, a detective of the McNamara defense, was to be arraigned again on a second complaint in connection with the alleged bribing of jurors.

Excursion Train Wrecked. Portland, Me., Dec. 13.—A special train on the Grand Trunk, bringing several hundred immigrants to sail for Liverpool tomorrow, was wrecked today at West Parish, Me. Several passengers were hurt but no one was killed.

Talk of Wheat For Currency. Denver, Colo., Dec. 13.—The issuance of national currency on wheat, corn and cotton as collateral, while still in possession of the grower, was one of the subjects that held the attention of those attending the American National Live Stock association today. The tariff question which had been given no more general consideration until today, also was taken up.

Sheep Show On In Omaha. Omaha, Dec. 13.—The mid-winter sheep show, in connection with the National Wool Growers' convention, opened in the auditorium today with more than 600 sheep from all parts of the United States on exhibition.

Mrs. Howard Asks Divorce. Madison, Neb., Dec. 13.—Special to The News: Mrs. Bessie A. Howard of Norfolk has commenced action in the district court of Madison county to dissolve the matrimonial bands which bind her to Charles W. Howard, who, she alleges in her petition, has deserted her.

ATTACK SHOW GIRL'S RECORD. Bucker Trying to Break Down Story Told by Defendant. New York, Dec. 13.—The district attorney who is trying to prove that Lillian Graham and her chum Ethel Conrad, had planned to murder W. E. D. Stokes when they shot him at their apartment last June, today returned to the task of discrediting the testimony of the show girls whose story presented the case in a very different light.

Miss Conrad's story of the shooting, though supporting Miss Graham's, at the same time never lost an opportunity to tell of Stokes. As she still loved her accuser, Miss Graham could not freely attack his motives, but her friend labored under no such handicap, and never let a chance to slip, about what she thought of Stokes' conduct and character. In the effort to discredit Miss Conrad's testimony the prosecution today planned to continue probing into her past. The story of what happened to her at Plattsburg a year ago last summer was unfinished when she left the stand at the adjournment of court yesterday afternoon.

Miss Conrad said she met a man who insulted her there sign, at the point of a pistol, a statement relating to an automobile ride they took during her stay in Plattsburg. This statement she promised to have in court today if she could find it. M. Stokes, his physicians say, is a very sick man, and they do not even say when he will be able to finish his testimony. The operation he underwent yesterday was a serious one. Several small abscesses were removed from his kidneys, and although he stood the operation well, some anxiety was expressed regarding his condition.

FOR AN AMERICA BEAUTIFUL. More Than 500 Special Delegates Attending Convention. Washington, Dec. 13.—More than 500 members of the American Civic association in addition to special delegates appointed by governors of the states are, attending the eighth annual convention of the association which began here today. The inauguration of a campaign in the interest of the national park, was to be the feature of the convention which will last three days.

"Balated Civic Advance," was the topic for the opening session, and the program included the following speakers: J. Lockie Wilson, Toronto, Ont.; William Dudley Penick, Richmond, Ind.; for the National Municipal League; Mrs. L. L. Blankenburg, Philadelphia, for the federation of women's clubs; Irving K. Pond, for the American Institute of architects and Ernest Thompson Seton for the boy scouts.

KILLED IN A RUNAWAY. South Dakota Girl, Leaping from Carriage, Meets Instant Death. Clark, S. D., Dec. 13.—Miss Maude Kelly of Garden City was killed a runaway near here last night.

The team she was driving, while returning to her home, became frightened at an automobile and began to run. She leaped from the vehicle and was instantly killed.

Impudent Piracy. Hong Kong, Dec. 13.—One of the most impudent acts of piracy occurred today when a passenger boat steaming along near the town of Shu-Hing was looted almost under the bows of several Chinese gun boats which were moored in the vicinity. None of the passengers were hurt, but a considerable amount of their property was stolen. A panic is reported to have fol-

lowed among the population of the city of Wu-Chow who, in dread of an attack by the people of Canton, in revenge for a recent massacre in that city when a number of revolutionary troops were mistaken for pirates. Some of them were killed, a number of others severely beaten, while the remainder took refuge in flight. Robberies continue to be frequent in Canton. The thieves when caught are at once beheaded.

A Railroad Juggle. Washington, Dec. 13.—Railroad stock juggling exemplified by the tail wagging the dog, in the case of the Beasmer and Lake Erie railroad, three and a half miles long, and the Pittsburgh-Bessemer and Lake Erie, more than 200 miles long, was discussed at yesterday's session of the house "steel trust investigation committee." The short line road is owned absolutely by the United States Steel corporation which also owns 5 percent of the stock of the longer road.

P. C. Baird, general freight agent of the short line, was a witness. Chairman Stanley brought out that the longer road netted the stockholders 3 percent a year profits, while the shorter road paid annual dividends of 33 percent.

To Oust Gas Company. Topeka, Dec. 13.—The state utilities commission brought suit in the supreme court to oust the Kansas Natural Gas company and to collect half a million dollars in penalties for violating the anti-trust law.

A LORIMER VERDICT SOON. Lorimer Himself to Be Put on Stand Within a Few Days. Washington, Dec. 13.—Prospects for an early decision of the Lorimer investigation committee developed suddenly today. Elbridge Haney, counsel for Senator Lorimer, said he expected to put Mr. Lorimer on the stand as the last witness before the first of next week. Lawyers for the investigating committee announced they had only one or two more witnesses to call.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES. Albert Mahnkne and daughter have returned to Sioux City, after a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. William Mahnkne. R. L. McKinney went to Sioux City at noon. Charles Rice returned from a business trip at Winer. J. S. Mathewson went to Fremont to visit the chicken show. J. H. Bennett of Omaha, trustee of the state organization of the A. O. U. W., was in Norfolk yesterday on business. Mrs. Charles Grotte and Miss Blanche Simons of Omaha, who were here visiting with Mrs. Charles Rice, have returned to their homes. Leo Hight's new home in Queen City place has been completed. The Presbyterian Aid society will meet with Mrs. Bates on North Eighth street.

E. E. Strong of Magnet, S. D., has purchased the Evans and Compton meat market. Roy Hight is building another modern residence on the corner of Thirtieth street and Nebraska avenue. There will be a regular meeting of Evening Chapter No. 40 tomorrow evening. A good attendance is desired. E. O. Luebeck has purchased the dairy business of Otto Zuelow. Mr. Zuelow and his family are going to Texas. Miss Birdie Kuhl, who underwent a double operation for floating kidneys and appendicitis last Thursday afternoon, is reported recovering satisfactorily at an Omaha hospital. Mrs. Kuhl, who is with her daughter, writes Mr. Kuhl in this city that it may be possible to bring the patient home for Christmas dinner.

Money is being sent to Europe for Christmas gifts by large number of Norfolk people. While much of this money is sent through the post office, considerable goes through local banks. The bank money goes from here to Chicago and from there mostly to Berlin where it is transferred to the post office and delivered directly to the residence of the receiver. At the regular meeting of hose company No. 3, Edward Broeker was elected as a delegate to the state convention to represent that company. After the business meeting a social meeting was held. Refreshments were served. A regular meeting of the department is to be held this evening at which time a vote will be taken as to whether or not the fire and drum corps should be sent to the convention.

Among the day's out-of-town visitors in Norfolk were: B. S. Moore, Pierce; Frank Winkholz, Humbrey; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Neidig, Madison; A. O. Smith, Madison; P. O. Dahl, Winner; J. M. Blanton, Pierce; Anton Nissen, Osmond; Lizzie Glenn, Madison; L. M. Hixon, Osmond; George H. Loefus, Pierce; Thomas Strong, Pierce; W. E. Reed, Madison; M. A. Martin, Ponce; H. E. Sman, Winside; S. E. Hooker, Lynch; R. E. Fish, Dallas; E. A. Murphy, Creighton; A. E. Rosen, Wausa; Nelson Elvington, Creighton; W. P. Hansen, Verdigre; C. B. Toof, Plainview.

Campaign for Finishing Work. A campaign for the purpose of securing funds to finish the construction of the new Y. M. C. A. building was launched last night after a luncheon given by the local Y. M. C. A. committee. Sec. J. P. Bailey, of the State association; George F. Gilmore, president of the Omaha association and president of the largest building and loan association in the world; W. P. Manley, president of the Security National bank of Sioux City, and T. C. Marsh, assistant secretary of the Omaha Y. M. C. A. were among those who in addresses urged upon the Norfolk business men to use every effort

to finish the interior of the beautiful building here, which will be one of the best in the state when completed. It was pointed out by the out-of-town speakers that when questioned over the state as to what kind of an answer is usually that "Norfolk has one of the most beautiful shells in the state." They declared this shell should be at once completed and turned into a manufactory of men.

After enthusiastic speeches from many prominent Norfolk business men who exchanged ideas with each other, it was decided upon to immediately start the foundation of a "snow ball" campaign which will be launched on Jan. 15 and continued until sufficient funds are raised to finish the building. T. C. Marsh, the Omaha assistant secretary, is here for a few days to assist the local committee with the preliminary work of the coming campaign.

Because he found it impossible to leave his work at Lincoln, F. M. Hunter, who was scheduled for an address, telegraphed his regrets, and although the twenty high school boys who were at the meeting, in charge of Principal Thomas, were somewhat disappointed they entered their verbal agreements to work industriously for the fund. They are scheduled to take a leading part in the campaign. Just as the free dinner was being served in Marquardt hall to the fifty enthusiastic business men and high school boys, Scoutmaster A. O. Hazen appeared on the scene in command of twenty-five boy scouts, who were heartily cheered as they took their places at table in the northeast corner of the building.

Sec. J. P. Bailey was toastmaster. Supt. M. E. Grosier of the Norfolk schools was the first speaker, and in telling what he thought about the present Y. M. C. A. building and why it should be finished, said it was an institution needed to facilitate and broaden the present school work. President A. L. Killian of the Commercial club in pointing out the great good he expected to realize from the building, declared that looking at it from a business standpoint he expected everyone to get more real good out of it than a place of business gets money. He himself, he declared, would be "one of the kids" to enjoy a gymnasium.

C. C. Gow and Secretary Hawkins of the Commercial club were the next speakers with sufficient enthusiasm and encouragement, declared themselves ready to work for the further work on the building. Mr. Manley, the Sioux City banker, who has been quite ill for the past few days, and only left his home to attend the Norfolk meeting, declared he hardly knew what to think of Norfolk for letting such a building stand idle. It was up to the men of Norfolk to say what kind of company their boys should keep. "Boys choose their own kind of company," he said, "and they will go to the place where his company can be found. Schools, churches and other institutions of study are very good, but without the right kind of place and too much study a boy can become an educated knave."

President Gilmore of the Omaha association declared Norfolk men should use all efforts possible to finish the new building. They could not make a better investment, he declared. President W. H. Blakeman of the Ad club, is offering the assistance of his club toward the movement, declared the building would be finished soon, and that every Norfolk man was heartily in favor of working toward that end. W. P. Logan declared that Norfolk men were not the kind to allow such a building to stand idle, and predicted that work would soon start on the construction again. D. Reed, D. Mathewson and others spoke encouragingly for the work. "The state committee of Nebraska is with Norfolk," said Secretary Bailey, "and we are willing to lend a hand where it is needed."

CHARLES HYDE ON TRIAL. Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 13.—Charged with misuse of the mails, Charles L. Hyde, real estate man of Pierre, S. D., was placed on trial in the federal court here. It is alleged Hyde circulated advertising literature showing in a map two street car lines traversing the streets contiguous to the lots, whereas, the government charges, there is no car line there. "The Fortune Hunter" Next Week. One of the best acted, best written and altogether most delightful comedies of the season is "The Fortune Hunter," which comes to the Auditorium Thursday night, Dec. 21. Winchell Smith has written a play that is true to nature. His characters are real men and women, and some of them live in big cities and others are to be found in any village in any state in this country. "The Fortune Hunter" is one of those plays that sends you home in good humor, with the conviction that all good sermons are not preached from the pulpit. It was one of the big successes of the year in New York last season. It will be recalled that the story ran in serial form in The News last year.

Mrs. Pederson Settles Case. Neligh, Neb., Dec. 13.—Special to The News: The case of Mrs. Nela Pederson against the bonding companies representing the two saloonkeepers in this city, whom she sued for \$10,000, was settled yesterday just before the noon hour. The jury had been selected and sworn, but no witnesses had been introduced, when it was announced that the case had been settled by the attorneys interested. Mrs. Pederson is to receive \$650, and the defendants to pay all costs.

The case wherein Attorney W. Rice asks damages to the amount of \$10,300 against W. B. Eastburn and Minor S. Bacon, was called during the afternoon and a jury impaneled. Mr. Rice was the first witness, and occupied the chair for nearly two hours before the adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock this morning, when he resumed the witness stand.

This is the outcome of the famous Greggerson-Pederson murder trial held last spring, and is the result of ex-county Attorney Rice refusing to prosecute Leu Greggerson on the charge of murder, manslaughter or assault and battery with the intent of doing great bodily harm, because he deemed that there was no evidence sufficient to convict on any of the charges. Because he refused to do so, outster proceedings were instituted against him. After hearing the evidence in this case Judge Welch exonerated the county attorney in his actions, and stated at the time that it would have been malfeasance in office if he had prosecuted Greggerson on the evidence as was presented. When Leu Greggerson was brought to trial on the charge of second degree murder and was acquitted by the jury, again was this a vindication that Mr. Rice was in every way justified in not prosecuting the case. Now he seeks damages in the amount given from parties who were instrumental in bringing action against him and causing his defeat from re-election for county attorney of Antelope county. Mr. Rice is represented by his law partner, Charles H. Kelsey of Norfolk, and Attorney O. A. Williams of this city is looking after the interests of Mr. Eastburn. Mr. Bacon is scheduled to appear in court this morning with his attorney.

Those not being able to attend the Greggerson-Pederson murder trial last spring will now have an opportunity during this case to take it in, as most all the witnesses in that trial will appear again and give in detail what transpired during the time the county attorney was seeking evidence.

Packers' Trial Drags Along. Chicago, Dec. 13.—Today marked the beginning of the second week of the trial of the Chicago meat packers with little progress having been made in the selection of a jury which is to hear evidence regarding the alleged violation of the criminal provision of the Sherman anti-trust law with which the defendants are charged. Seven men remained in the jury box, but it was generally believed that at least four of these would be excused. An other venire of fifty men reported to Judge Carpenter at the opening of court.

South Norfolk News. Mrs. G. B. Justin and son, Sam, of Waco were here yesterday on business. Miss Adah Overton returned home from Osmond last evening, where they were on business. Mrs. William Beck arrived home from a shopping trip to Omaha, last evening. Guy Parish and Earl Shurtz returned from the east on Nov. 3 last evening. Miss Jennie Shelton came up from Beemer last evening for a visit with relatives. Albert Hoose, a machinist helper in the shops here, left this morning for South Omaha, having received a message to the effect that his mother was dead.

Stanton Planning Light Extension. Stanton, Neb., Dec. 13.—Special to The News: At a meeting of the mayor and council of the city of Stanton, plans and specifications furnished by C. A. Hiekmann, an engineer of Sioux City, for an extension of the present electric light and water systems of this city were duly adopted. These plans cover the erection of a brick boiler room with a coal shed attached, for the installation therein of a 100-horsepower steam engine and an additional electrical generator. The proposed dimensions of the building will be 30 x 40 feet, with a coal shed attached, 9 x 30 feet. The coal shed will have a capacity of 200 tons. The plans and specifications also call for the purchase and installation of a 100-horsepower engine which shall be automatic in its operation and standard in every way. The boiler is to have a capacity of 125 horsepower and capable of withstanding a pressure of 150 pounds.

The bids, by order of the board, will be received Jan. 8. It is proposed to commence the construction of the plant as soon as bids have been accepted for the same. These plans will involve an expenditure of approximately \$4,000. The board will make every effort to expedite the installation of the new system, and when the plans have been neared to completion Stanton will possess a double-unit system, both the electric and water departments, and will have an equipment which in power and efficiency will range second to none in the state.

Details of Flannigan Case. More details of the acquittal of G. B. Flannigan of Hot Springs on a charge of arson, are contained in a Smithwick, S. D., dispatch to the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader, as follows: Smithwick, Dec. 13.—The Arson case of G. B. Flannigan of Hot Springs came suddenly to an end. The trial was stopped before any testimony on the part of the defense was offered. The presiding judge instructed the jury to go out and bring in a verdict of not guilty. This is a case of great importance owing to the accused, G. B. Flannigan, being a son of M. Flannigan, a millionaire banker of Nebraska. The information was filed against him by Deputy State Fire Warden, S. E. Crans of Lead, who spent almost six months on the case. Nothing of a damaging nature was said against Flannigan, and the case was looked upon as a farce.

The states attorney of Falls River county was not in it, but Special Prosecuting Attorney S. F. Wilson of Hot Springs was hired by S. E. Crans. Mr. Flannigan was represented by the noted attorneys, Wm. Dudley and Chas Eastman, both of Hot Springs, and M. F. Harrington of O'Neill, Neb. Flannigan was owner and president of the Smithwick Lumber company at

Smithwick, and formerly president of the Stockman's Bank of Hot Springs, and vice president of the Citizens' Bank of Buffalo Gap, and president of the Bank of Smithwick. The amount of insurance on the Lumber company's buildings, and stock including hardware, was \$7,000. The fire occurring in daylight at 12 a. m. on June 4, last. The loss was approximately \$12,000.

MEADOW GROVE CORN PICKER. Charles Collins Claims to Have Broken Record for County. Charles Collins of Meadow Grove claims the Madison county corn picking record, having picked and scooped 154 bushels in five hours and forty minutes in the field of Arthur Hibbles.

Proud of New Church. Tilden, Neb., Dec. 12.—Editor News: The new Catholic church seven miles south of Tilden will be dedicated on Thursday, Dec. 14, with services at 10 a. m. A number of visiting clergy will assist in the solemn ceremony of dedication. Much credit is due to Father Buckley and Father McMahon who have charge of this new parish, for the beautiful and artistic selection of the furnishings of the interior. Visitors from Omaha, O'Neill and surrounding towns expect to be present at this occasion.

Much interest has been put forth by the people of that community to make this a church they can be proud of, and they feel a long felt want is near its completion. Miss Frances Corlke. Lulu Nethaway Weds. Lulu Nethaway, daughter of Mrs. Louise Nethaway, and Norvin Mayo of Minneapolis were married in Tyler, Tex., Sept. 10. After keeping the marriage a secret for three months, word was received by Norfolk relatives this week.

Mrs. Mayo has visited here at different times. She was a member of the Loekes company that played "The Girl and the Hawk" here two years ago. They are touring the south, both being members of a vaudeville circuit.

TO SURPRISE AGED MOTHER. Aged Norfolk Pioneer in Missouri Will Be Visited By Sons. Mrs. Hannah Lowe, a Norfolk pioneer, but now living with her daughter in Pattonburg, Mo., will be "surprised" by her son, E. E. Lowe of this city, who left today to visit his mother. Mrs. Lowe celebrated her 93rd birthday on Nov. 28, and because he was unable to visit here on this occasion, Mr. Lowe and a brother who leaves Arkansas simultaneously with the Norfolk brother, expect to surprise the aged mother in a few days. Mrs. Lowe, notwithstanding her 93 years, distinctly remembers the day she arrived in Norfolk. She is hale and hearty and enjoys having her children about her. Mrs. Lowe came to Norfolk on her birthday, Nov. 28, 1818, and often remarks about how she spent her first night in Norfolk in the "old Yost house." Mrs. Lowe was born in Ohio in 1818.

Paul Bruecker of Hoskins was taken to Omaha yesterday, and it may be necessary to remove his eye as the result of steel penetrating the pupil of that member. Bruecker was chiseling a piece of steel when a large number of sharp pointed pieces of the metal filled his eye. Several of these pieces were removed with a giant magnet, but one large piece was immovable, and the eye has become infected. Bruecker's physician believes the eye will have to be removed.

A. O. U. W. ELECTION. Charles Blank is Master Workman. Officers' Salaries Increased. All officers of the A. O. U. W. were given an increase in their salary at Tuesday night's meeting. The lodge dues were raised 5 cents for each member. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Charles Blank, master workman; Michael Moolick, recorder; Edward Clark, overseer; S. T. Adams, financial; Charles Ward, foreman; Roy McCaslin, guide; J. H. Lough, treasurer; William Bland, inside watch; Fred Warneke, outside watch; W. R. Hoffman, trustee.

Sugar Factory May Be Bought. Norfolk may get a canning factory, and if some minor details between the Norfolk Industrial company and A. F. Wentworth of Rome, N. Y., are settled, directly after New Year, a force of about fifty men will be put to work on the old sugar factory buildings, and the factory which has lain idle for a number of years, will be the scene of much activity.

Mr. Wentworth, son of a prominent canning factory man of New York, and connected with one of the largest canning factories in that state, employing 450 to 500 people in the busy season, has been in Norfolk for the past two weeks, and previously had been looking over the sugar factory buildings for the past year. He has made trips to Norfolk occasionally, but on this, his last visit, he has almost come to an agreement with the Norfolk Industrial company whereby he may become possessor of the old buildings and 240 acres of land. He would turn the plant into an up-to-date canning factory employing 250 people in the busy season.

Depends on Minor Details. Mr. Wentworth left for his home at Rome, N. Y., this morning, and if the Industrial company come to his terms on some minor details of the bargain, he will return to Norfolk directly after the first of January, and by Feb. 1, a force of men will be put to work overhauling and remodeling the old buildings.

By the end of March, if the minor details are agreed upon, the factory buildings will be in shape for the canning of a full line of vegetables. En route to Rome, N. Y., Mr. Wentworth will visit at Ludington, Mich., where business men have petitioned his company to open a fruit cannery. If the Norfolk Industrial company and Mr. Wentworth disagree, he is not expected to return on Jan. 1.

If the plans are carried out as expected, the wheels of the factory will be turning by August when a force of 250 men will be hard at work canning sweet corn which already a number of local farmers have agreed to furnish for the new enterprise. Can Only Corn First Year. Mr. Wentworth's plan, should the further details be agreed upon, is to can nothing but corn the first year, if he receives sufficient assurances from farmers to grow this product. He estimates that he will have to have about 1,200 to 1,400 acres of sweet corn for the first year's work, including the 240 acres of corn which will be raised around the factory. The second year tomatoes, pork and beans, and a full line of vegetables are scheduled to be canned at the factory.

The preliminary work of starting the factory is to get assurances from farmers within a close range of the city to raise the sweet corn. Mr. Wentworth has put in several days among local farmers, and has received their assurances to assist him in his enterprise. Mr. Wentworth has already received several signed agreements from farmers to furnish him with sweet corn as soon as he is ready for it. These agreements have been sent out to a number of farmers who are offered \$7 per ton for sweet corn delivered at the factory. The corn is bought in the husks and the price is declared a good one.

Norfolk business men are enthusiastic over the prospects of getting such a factory here, and Mr. Wentworth has received the full support of every business man in the city. The Wentworth factory near Rome, N. Y., it is said to have been so crowded with orders last year that it was impossible to furnish the full order list. With a factory in Norfolk the freight rate would be cut down and the territory near here now handled from the east could be handled from Norfolk with elimination of the long hauls. Mr. Wentworth is enthusiastic with the Norfolk proposition, and while he has been looking over the local proposition for two years he has been petitioned to start factories in other cities not so well located as Norfolk. The Ludington, Mich., proposition is to be examined by Mr. Wentworth, who declares that if the few minor details in the Norfolk arrangement cannot be made satisfactory to him he must give it up. He is, however, in good hopes that these minor details will be closed satisfactory to both sides by Jan. 1, when he expects to come here to stay. He has already rented a house in the city, and is pleased with the entire situation.

The old boilers at the factory will have to be repaired, it is said, and while the canning factory cannot use all of them, a few can be used to good advantage. Republican Committee to Meet. Washington, Dec. 13.—Col. Harry S. New, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the republican national committee, told Secretary Hillis at the white house today that he would call a meeting of his committee at Chicago the second week in January.

Reys in the Mountains. San Antonio, Dec. 13.—It was reported today from a reliable source at Laredo that Gen. Bernardo Hreyes was entrenched with an insurrecto army in the mountains near Galoana Nuevo Leon state. Russia Holding Off. St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—"The Russia," which generally reflects the intentions of the ministry says the Russian troops now concentrated at Kasbin in Persia, will not advance until another eight days have elapsed unless extraordinary events cause the Russian minister to order them to march to Teheran at an earlier date. Russia at the end of November dispatched about 4,000 troops to Resht, in Persia, by way of Enseli on the Caspian sea. When the Persian national council on Dec. 1, refused to comply with the terms of the Russian ultimatum demanding the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American, acting as Persian treasurer-general and a cash indemnity, these troops were ordered to advance on Teherans.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans of Meadow Grove Celebrate Event. Meadow Grove, Neb., Dec. 14.—Special to The News: The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, was celebrated at their home Dec. 7. Many friends and relatives gathered to participate in celebrating the event. The house was beautifully decorated in golden leaves and flowers of the season. A sumptuous dinner in five courses was served at three o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Evans were remembered with many beautiful and valuable presents from those attending the wedding. Wisconsin friends also sending presents and congratulations. Among those present were the children, Mrs. Frank Muffley, Mrs. Alfred Duell, living near Battle Creek, C. E. Evans and Mrs. W. M. Ahlman of Norfolk. Mr. Evans was born in Gloucestershire, England, on Aug. 14, 1836. At the age of 19 years he came to Rockford, Ill., where he met Miss Isabelle Warner, with whom he was united in marriage, Dec. 7, 1861. They later moved to Woodman, Wis., where they lived seventeen years before immigrating to Nebraska, making their home since 1890 in Madison county near Meadow Grove. To their union were born six children, four of whom are still living. Their many friends join in ex-

pressing their congratulations to the couple, wishing them many more happy years of wedded life.

BUSINESS CONGRESS ENDS. Possibilities of Using Foreign Consular Service Emphasized. Chicago, Dec. 14.—This, the final day of the National Business congress, was expected to be the busiest of the session. The morning program, when two speeches were listened to with interest, was to be followed by the report of the resolutions committee and adjournment in the afternoon. John Bell Osborn, representative of the federal state department, spoke on the "Promotion of American Foreign Commerce."

E. Clarence Jones of New York had for his subject "Elastic Currency for the People: Stable, Flexible, Reconvertible." A banquet was on the program for the evening for delegates and members of the congress. Prof. R. Johnson, of the University of Pennsylvania, was to be the principal speaker. His subject was "Measures for Promotion of the American Merchant Marine." John Hall Osborn of the department of state presented an elaborate description of the working of the consular service in its relations to trade and commercial development abroad and urged a more extended use of the service by American industries. He told of plans which have been suggested for all consular representatives and provisions of the department of the state, and urged that business men write the department for specific information respecting their lines of business. Agents of American industries abroad, he said, should be instructed to make a call at the American consulate their first task, and full information concerning their business would be supplied by the consular agents for dissemination among foreign inquirers.

HE URGES ABRIGATION. Sulzer Makes Speech In Support of His Resolution. Washington, Dec. 14.—Abrigation of the Russian treaty of 1812, because of race and religious discrimination in the granting of passports to American citizens, demanded in resolutions framed by Representative Sulzer of New York and Senator Culberson of Texas, was discussed in a speech in the house by the former.

Mr. Sulzer is chairman of the foreign affairs committee which unanimously reported his bill favorably. He declared that for nearly half a century Russia had persistently refused to live up to the treaty or to recognize passports on American citizens without discrimination on account of race or religion. He declared it was a question that affected the rights of all American citizens, and that Russia not only refuses to recognize American passports held by Jews, but those by Baptist missionaries, Catholic priests and Presbyterian divines.

The United States he said must adhere tenaciously to the full principle that the rights of citizens at home or abroad shall not be impaired on account of race or religion. He said that the United States government has carefully lived up to its treaty obligations with Russia.

"The time for action by congress has come," said Mr. Sulzer. "There can be no arbitration of this; no delay. A new treaty should be arranged in which Russia can find no loop hole to enable her to discriminate against any class of American citizens on account of race or religion. The awakening has come with a keen realization of the affronts we have suffered for years at the hands of a government notorious for its lack of human sympathy."

SPILL IN BIKE RACE. New York, Dec. 14.—The worst spill of the six-day bicycle race thus far failed to shift positions, and today the contestants were grinding around the track at Madison Square garden as steadily as ever.

The mixup early this morning put six riders temporarily out of the race, sending Root, Cameron, Bedell and Wells to the doctors' booths, but by 8 o'clock all the riders were able to be on the track again.

While the doctors were attending the four injured, the other riders were forbidden to sprint, and for two hours the pace was so slow that they fell back nearly six miles behind the record.

Score at 8 o'clock, 56th hour: Twelve teams, 1,120 miles and 9 laps, and the Thomas-Strand Galvin-Wiley teams 1 lap behind. Record 1,128 miles and 8 laps.

Carpenter Whips Harry Lewis. Paris, Dec. 14.—George S. Carpenter, the 17-year-old welterweight champion won the decision over Lewis, the American pugilist and welterweight champion of England, in a twenty round fight at the Cirque De Paris last night. The fight went the limit and Carpenter won on points. Jack Johnson, the world's champion, was present and was introduced to the spectators.

Tegler-Praeuner. Battle Creek, Dec. 14.—Special to The News: Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock Walter Tegler and Miss Minna Praeuner were married by Rev. J. Hoffman at the Lutheran church. The ceremony service was delivered by Rev. Julius Tegler of Beemer an uncle of the groom. The bride's maids attending were, Misses Lena and Rosa Praeuner, and as best man, Edwin Tegler and Louis Rokobohr. A reception was held after the church ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Praeuner, sr., at South Battle Creek. The young couple will make their home on a nice farm ten miles southwest of town, which was donated to the groom by his father, F. W. Tegler. The young couple is a product of Battle Creek.