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FAILURE OF FRISCO IS DUE TO IMPROPER

Interstate Commerce Commission Files Report on Receivership with the Senate.

SYSTEM IS OVERCAPITALIZED Securities at Low Prices Weakens Its Credit.

CENSURE FOR SPEYER & CO.

Sale of Bonds Just Before Receivership Strongly Condemned.

BANKERS' PROFITS TOO HIGH

Poor Investments, Expensive Rent als, Buying New Lines and Financing Eastern Illinois Deal Also Help Collapse.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 - Financial operations-not ordinary railroad difficulties-were the cause of the receivership of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad system, according to the Interstate Commerce commission's investigation, reported today at the direction of the senate.

Although the report says the senate resolution "does not call for expression of opinion or recommendations," it does declare, referring to the sale just before the receivership of \$3,000,000 5 per cent bonds, French series, at 78, to Speyer & Co. of New York," that the sale of securities to the investing public through banks at a time when every appearance indicated the solvency of the issuing company, invited and warrants the condemnation of all who assisted or par ticipated in each sale.

Speyer & Co. should have been award of the poverty of the Frisco and of its difficulty in obtaining funds."

Several Causes Cited. The insolvency of the Frisco, the report says, may be attributed to various auses, among them:

"Disproportion capitalization, The acquisition of new lines. The financing by the Frisco of the New Orleans, Texas and Mexico railroad,

and other south Texas lines. The desire for an entrance into Chicago, resulting in the assumption of heavy fixed charges in the acquisition of the stock of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois

"The sale of its securities at prices so low as to indicate a deplorable weakened credit or an extravagant arrangement with bankers to whom large profits accrued in the purchase of the bonds and the subsequent sale of the same to the

Miscellaneous causes, among which are

and rentals paid the Crawford Mining company.

Officers in Syndicates. "It appears," says the report, "through statements, secured from the St. Louis of the local weather buerau. Union Trust company, manager for syndicates that financed the construction of a number of properties which were subsequently sold the Frisco, and which statements were in part supported by the testimony of witnesses, that a number of lines acquired by the Frisco were purchased by that company at prices which afforded large profits to the syndicate subscribers and trust companies. "Among the subscribers to these syndi-

Frisco, including B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the board of directors, as well as oficers of the St. Louis Union Trust company.' Descriptions of other syndicate opera-

tions, with respect to financing the construction of a number of lines and properties of the Frisco, include names of officials of the Frisco, "who were subscribers to and participated in the profits of the syndicate.'

Profit Eight Millions. A summary of various syndicate operations on properties sold to the Frisco system and the profits of subscribers and

"Oklahoma City & Western, amount paid in, \$2,097,043.85; profit, \$369,278.82. "St. Louis, San Francisco & New Or-

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The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity

Unsettled Tuesday; warmer.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.



Local Record.

Comparative 1914. 1913. 1912. 1911. Lowest yesterday... Mean temperature. Precipitation Temperature and precipitation depar-| 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State Temp. High-Rain-of Weather. 7 p.m. est. fall Cheyenne, part cloudy... 32 46 06 Davenport. clear 42 42 00 Denver, snowing. Des Moines, clear North Platte, clear...

Mrs. McLennan Leads Bolt in the Suffrage Union

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-Woman suffrage circles were a-flutter here today over the action of a little band of fifteen ing Favorable to City of recialcitant members of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, who, led by Mrs. Russell M. MacLennan, boited the parent organization and im- GATE CITY TERRITORY mediately formed a rival one because they were not in sympathy with the union's policy. As a result they will in the future affiliate with the congrescommittee of the National Woman's Suffrage association, of which Mrs. Medill McCormick, daughter of the late Senator Mark Hanna of Ohio is chairman.

Preceding the revolt, resolutions were adopted condemning the alleged par-tisian policy of the congressional union in its avowed purpose to defeat members of congress for re-election in case the democratic party falls to pass an amendment to the consitution for equal suffrage. The resolutions also endorsed the "nonpartisian policy of the National Woman's Suffrage association." Mrs. McCormick, who attended the meeting, welcomed the new members into her asociation and pledged them her support. Mrs. Paul later issued a statement declaring that the policy of the union was 'nonpartisian" and applied with perfect

impartially to all political parties. The union has just received two new allies which it is claimed more than offsets for the time being at least the disaffection of Mrs. MacLennan and her followers. Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont of New York contributed \$5,000 and pledged her support to the union, and Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, former president of the Illinois Equal Suffrage association also promised her support and a large contribution.

Three California Towns Cut Off by Record Rainfall

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.-Santa Barbara, Ventura and Oxnard had been cut off from the rest of the world for over when he answered Omaha during the fourteen hours at daylight this morning, morning hearing. the Southern Parific had lost its coast line and its valley branch south of crippled.

This morning began the third day of the worst storm southern California has seen in years. Almost continuous rainfall Saturday night, with a slight lifting of the clouds during the day on Sunday, followed by even heavier downpour most of last night, brought the season's precipitation six inches and more above

Santa Barbara was last heard from at i Ventura were not heard from for possibly

the payment of dividends on its prefered stock, in spite of its weakened
credit and need of money.

"Poor investments and expensive rentsis, among which are the investment in
the payment of dividends on its prethe payment of di als, among which are the investment in Itali for the atorm managers.

When Secretary McAdob Editor the New Orleans Terminal company, to 8 o'clock this morning, but the weather this questioning, all that was left of Denstock in the Kirby Lumber company bureau expected more during the enver's territory was Colorado, Utah, New suing four hours. The storm brought the seasonal total of rain up to 13.76 inches, which was 6.35 inches above normal, a record equalled only twice in the history

Higher Rates on Oil Said to Favor the Standard Company

the proposed increased freight rates on asking the Interstate Commerce commis- tion could be considered. sion to authorize, would discriminate heavily against the independent refineries in favor of the Standard Oil company, were made today at a hearing of shippers by F. W. Boltz, traffic manager of the National Petroleum association, an organization of forty odd oil companies. Boltz testified that the railroads had made no attempt to put through a horizontal increase of 5 per cent-the degree of advance for which they are applyingbut that the tariffs they were asking the commission to approve contained increases varying from 2 per cent to 19 per cent. trust companies was given in the report. He presented a mass of figures and tables which he declared would show that whereever the increases affected points in which competition was involved between the Standard Oil and the independents.

the Standard had been favored. Bruin, Pa., an independent oil point, Boltz cited as an example of his charge. He declared that the new rates proposed by the Baltimore & Ohio would put Bruin at a great disadvantage in competition with shipments from Oil City and Frank-

Victim of Cancer Dies of Pneumonia

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26 .- Ederman showing signs of improvement under the of Judge T. C. Munger of the federal radium treatment for cancer, died here today of pneumonia. Zook became ill with as a civil enginer on the Panama rail-Physicians said today they belleved they could have arrested the pro gress of the disease if pneumonia had not developed.

LOOKING INTO OTHER EXPENSES OF NEW HAVEN

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 26.-The public censes" incurred by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad during the session of the legislature last year. It was announced that former Vice President Timothy E. Byrnes had been asked to return from California and testify. Clarence W. Barron closed his evidence

by stating that the Boston news bureau, where he is manager, and allied concerns, had received approximately \$5,000 profit by placing advertising for the New Haven and that \$140,000 had been paid the newspapers for publishing these advertisements

BANKERS OF DENVER FAIL TO MAKE CASE

ing Favorable to City of Omaha.

Bankers from W and Idaho Prefer I as City.

DENVER'S CAPITAL IS LIMITED

Would Have to Depend Upon State Banks for Some of It.

M'ADOO EXPERT AS EXAMINER

President of Denver Clearing House Favors Omaha Over Kansas City When Urged to Give Views as to Second Choice.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 26.-(Special Telegram.)-The hearing for a regional bank at Denver today resolved itself into a boost for Omaha, bankers from Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada and Arizona declaring strongly for the Nebraska metropolis in preference to Kansas City. These expressions of sentiment came from the bankers on direct questions from Secretary McAdoo, who requested second choices. Secretary McAdoo at a noon luncheon

made it plain that politics would not be considered in locating banks. He then took occasion to compliment the Colorado senators for standing by the admin-

Opinion here tonight is that Denver failed to make a case, failing even to lay a foundation which would permit the location of a bank under any conditions, politics included.

Omaha Second Choice. George Berger of the Colorado National bank started the Omaha bank rolling

In the afternoon he was followed by W. W. Armstrong of Salt Lake, speak-Mojave, and suburban electric traffic ing, he said, for bankers of Utah, Wyoaround Los Angeles had been badly ming, Nevada, Idaho and Arizona. George Abbott of Cheyonne and R. Van Deusen, secretary of the Wyoming Bankers' association, with a membership of 163, named Omaha as second choice.

H. Gordon Jones and J. C. Mitchell of Denver both declared for Kansas City in preference to Omaha, the result of an agreement between Kansas City and Denver to extend the helping hand. Denver's claims for a regional bank

were not able to stand the direct questions of Secretary McAdoo. Denver repthe water was two feet deep around the resentatives admitted that in the territory Southern Pacific station. Oxnard and as outlined, state banks would have to be relied on to make up a big shortage of capital. Denver's representatives also adtwo hours more and they, too, had figods mitted that parts of the territory asked and railroad washolds to report.

Mexico and part of Wyoming.

Capital Limited. George B. Berger, president of the Colorado National bank and Denver clearing house, stated that he personally favored Omaha over Kansas City after he had been urged to answer by Secretary McAdoo, when he first refused. He gave Chicago as his second choice.

The tendency of the testimony during the morning was that the necessary capital for a reserve bank in Denver could not be assured among the national banks WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-Charges that in its territory and the state banks would be relied on to furnish part of it. Secrewere various officials of the petroleum which the eastern railroads are tary McAdoo announced that assump-

The territory outlined for the Denver district, as claimed, included Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Utah, New Mexico, west half of Texas, everything west of the 100 meridian in Nebraska and Kansas, northeast Arizona and southwest

South Dakots. Mr. Berger presented figures tending o show that a regional bank in this territory would have a capitalization of approximate \$3,500,000, with deposits of \$8,000,000.

Questioned by Secretary McAdoo, the witness admitted that the district outined did not follow closely the natural trade throughfares. Mr. Berger thought Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Utah possibly comprised the natural ranking and trade territory tributary to Denver. Replying to a question by Mr. McAdoo, he favored a smaller regional bank for Denver, with a smaller capitalzation, rather than being added to a larger district, with the regional bank at another point.

Four Months' Term Given Clairvoyant

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 26 .- (Special Tel-Zook of Kennet Square, Pa., who was as the adevertisers, was the statement court this afternoon in sentencing Clarence W. Hester of Omaha to the Grand cancer nine months ago while employed Island jail for four months. Hester had advertised in papers under different names as a clairvoyant and had de frauded many people. He ran the business under the name of Mrs. C. H. Moore, Maspah, Karma and Madam Charlotte.

It was charged by the government that Hester had defrauded Ruth Schulte of St. Bernard, O.; L. N. Merrian of Long Pine, Neb., and C. S. Walker of Big Springs, Tex., together with others by false representations. It was alleged he service commission today resumed its advertised extensively in publications all nvestigation of the so-called "other ex- over the United States making these rep-

SOUTH DAKOTA LAW IS DECLARED INVALID

WASHINGTON, Jan. M.-The South Dakota law, making railroad bills for double the amount of loss sustained by property owners through fire originating from locomotives, unless the loss was paid in full in sixty days, was annulled by the supreme court as violative of the

How It Looks Now



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

Date is Set by the Commissioners for Vote of the People.

TWO OTHER PROPOSITIONS, TOO

Auditorium Purchase Bonds and Bonds for an Incinerator Plant to Be Voted On at the Same Election.

will also be aubmitted. None of the commissioners dissented when the proposition of the special election was put to a vote.

At the suggestion of Commissioner J. J. Ryder, after the council had conferred with several business and professional men interested, the Auditorium bond ordinance was modified, the amount being increased from \$225,000 to \$250,000. Commissioner Ryder said:

"I think the Auditorium can be purchased for \$215,000. We will need money to repair and maintain the Auditorium and with all city funds tied up for the year we will have no means of getting it. The bond issue ought to be sufficient to cover repair and running expenses for a while."

City Attorney John A. Rine said the proposition to use part of the bond money for repairs could not be legally incorporated in the ordinance, but that it could be expended for that purpose and it would be well to let the people know that the council intended to manage it in that manner.

The commissioners are of one opinion on the matter of incinerator bonds. Commissioner Ryder investigated the methods of disposing of garbage in other cities and recommended that incinerators be built here. The garbage system now has been declared a menace to health because the refuse is not destroyed, but dumped in the Missouri bottoms, where it is fed

FUNERAL OF STRATHCONA HELD IN WESTMINSTER

LONDON, Jan. 25.-The body of the late Lord Strathcona and Mount Roya', high commissioner for Canada, was buried today with simple ceremonies in Highgate cemetery, North London. His body lies beside that of his wife, who died only a few months ago. Before the interment a great funeral service was held in Westminster Abbey and was attended advertisements should be indicted, as well by a large gathering of state officials and prominent persons.

The National Capital

Monday, January 26, 1914. The Senate.

Met at noon. Received the Interstate Commerce commission's report of the Frisco mil-road system receivership. Labor committee deferred action on the Michigan and Colorado strike resciu-

Senator Fall introduced a bill to make the Apache Indian reservation in New Mexico a national park.

Senator Hankhead introduced a resolution to create a commission of five to investigate federal aid to good roads.

Senator Root introduced a bill to empower the president to name a committee of seven to report a plan for the celebration of the treaty of Ghent.

Met at noon.

Secretary Lane testified before the mines committee on his project for conservation of racium bearing ores.

Took up general District of Columbia

legislation.
Representative Sabath went to the White House to protest to President Wilson against a literacy test in the new immigration bill.

CHARTER ELECTION MARCH 10 Lawyer Says Speer Never Picked Jury According to Law

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 26.-Attorney A. A. Lawrence of this city testified today before the congressional committee investigating charges against Federal Judge Emory Speer that in his opinion Speer never had selected a jury according to law. Lawrence was counsel for Greene The new home rule charter, drafted by a representative commission of fifteen near will be sub-litted to the people at a special election in the sub-litted to the sub-litted t and then not always.

Lawrence testified that he had heard something mysterious was going on" in onnection with the drawing of the grand jury that indicted Greene and Gaynor. "I made an investigation and ascertained that Judge Speer had given an order to T. F. Johnson, clerk of the court, carrying suggestions for the preparation of the Jury lists," the witness testified.

Elgin Board Forced to Record Drop in **Butter Equation**

The Elgin board, which controls the destiny of butter prices, has succumbed to the open season and was compelled to record a drop in the butter equation. The new price ratio is 2814 to 29 cents, while the price today was 32% to 33% cents. The mild weather has been responsible for the open season of cream, which fact, in conjunction with the immense amount of foreign butter coming in, has caused the surprising drop.

The decrease will not be noticeable here in the retail trade, because merchants have still large stocks of butter procured at the advanced price. Until the present retail supply is exhausted, the price will remain at 25 cents. The wholesale price, which will go into effect Wednesday, will probably be about 30 cents, as the price in Omaha is generally a cent higher than the Elgin price. Butter will then sell at retail at 32 or 33 cents a pound. In most stores the lower price will go into effect by Wednesday.

Women Welcome at Dinner for College Prexies Wednesday

Women are welcome at the college the Commercial club tomorrow evening. While the plans were not so made in the beginning, the change has been ordered to accommodate a large number of the fair sex who wished to attend. This applies particularly to teachers, who are anxious to see, meet and hear the prexies from the various colleges and universities who will be present.

Bodies Recovered from Utah Mine

BINGHAM, Utah, Jan. 26.-Late last light the bodies of Hob Adgra and Mike Vikrovonich, imprisoned last Tuesday night behind flames which broke out in the timberings of the Boston mine, were found by Jack Manley and Frank Johnson, members of the Helmes rescue after the fire broke out.

three members of a rescue party who were found by the helmet men.

WANT MILLION FOR PARKS

City Commission to Submit Bonds for That Sum at Fall Election.

BUSINESS MEN BACK THE MOVE J. H. Millard, J. L. Kennedy, J. E. George and Others Appear Before Commission to Ask for Park Improvements.

the last legislature through the efforts rank and file of the strikers of Michigan of Harry Hackett of Omaha.

Park Commissioner Joe B. Hummel had tion March 10. Senator J. H. Millard, J. E. Gaorge, Harry Hackett, C. C. Geroge Western Federation was given more puband John L. Kennedy protested before licity and caused a howl of indignation the commissioner, saying \$100,0000 was to risa throughout the land."

J. E. George said: "If \$100,000 was voted it would look like Moyer said: a lot of money, but in reality if Commissioner Hummel told what he could do with it it would make little impression on the people. It is not enough. It

is now time to tackle the big proposi-Senator Millard said at least \$250,000 should be spent on the parks and boulevards annually. He continued:

"It is better not to have anything than barely enough to patch up the parks. Hefore a large sum is spent we ought to have a plan looking toward the future city. If you have in mind some man competent to prepare such a plan this \$100,000 project should be abandoned and the work undertaken on a larger scale." Commissioner Hummel said:

"We have never had sufficient money to carry out our plans. We cannot not even raise sufficient money to have permanent plans prepared. People ask why Omaha's boulevards are not in as good shape as Kansas-City's or Minneapolis'. Kansas City has spent \$12,000,000 on its boulevards. The total expenditure in bond issues for Omaha's parks has been \$550,000.

J. L. Kennedy said: "The people feel the city commission has done exceptionally well with the small amount of money available. I believe there will be no question but what a large bond issue would be voted by the people if it was shown that the people would derive the benefit. No particular section of the city can be greatly benefited if only \$100,000 is voted, but if a \$1,000,006 issue is voted the city generally will see the results."

Commissioners unanimously abandoned presidents' dinner that will be given at the \$100,000 project and will submit the \$1,000,000 proposition at the election in the fall. In the meantime an attempt will be made to secure sufficient money to have an expert prepare plans for a large system of permanent boulevards

Coalition Formed to Break Up Empire of Austria-Hungary

PARIS, Jan. 26 A coalition between

ervia and Rumania, to break up the Austro-Hungarian empire in the event of its intervention in favor of Bulgaria during the recent Balkan war was made by a secret treaty signed on June 10, 1913 according to La Petite Republique today. The newspaper says the arrangement was known both to Germany and Russis squad from Castle Gate. Utah. Tho and they were to have shared in the codies were found near the spot where spoils. The substance of the alleged treaty the men had been at work. It is be- is printed today, showing that Germany lieved that they were suffocated soon was to be rewarded with Bohemia and the whole of German-speaking Austria Last Thursday the bodies of Joe Russia was to obtain Galacia; Servia was Stomac, Mike Asich and Bob Duich, to take Bosnia, Herzegovna and Dalmatia, while Rumania was to receive entered the mine Wednesday morning Transylvania and all of Hungary east of to search for Virkovonich and Adgra, the River Tisza, thus doubling the size of its territory

MOYER MAKES CHARGE AGAINST AMERICAN LABOR FEDERATION

President of Metal Miners Says if Copper Strike is Lost Executive Council is to Blame,

ASKS MR. GOMPERS TO EXPLAIN

Coal Miners' Convention Requests Presence of Head of Federation.

AMALGAMATION IS DISCUSSED Moyer Suggests Coal and Metal Or-

ganizations Be Merged. WHITE REMAINS NONCOMMITAL

Conl Miners' Delegates Will Meet by Districts to Raise Funds to Aid Copper Strikers and Their Families.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2x-Atter Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, had charged that "if the strike of the copper miners in Michtgan is lost it will be due directly to the inactivity of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, "the convention of the United Mine Workers of America today voted unanimously to request Samuel Gompers, president of the rederation, to appear before the convention and explain the attitude of the

President Moyer was given a great ovation when introduced by John P. White, president of th scoal miners. His speech was followed by a speech by John H. Walker, a coal miner and president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor. Walker told of the condition in the copper country as he found them during the ten weeks he was there as a representative of the coal miners.

"We should quit dealing with the hired gunmen of the corporations," Walker declared, "and get to the man that is really responsible for the state of affairs. I don't want anyone to construe my words nto requesting an attack on anyone, but I could not find it in my heart to condemn any man or woman, if, driven to it by their suffering, they should wreak vengeance on 'Big Jim' MacNaughton, the general manager of the copper company, and his hirelings,"

Moyer Describes Conditions. President Moyer declared that two appeals had been made to the American Federation of Labor executive council at Washington for aid for the copper strikers and that so far no action had been A million dollars in bonds for park and boulevard improvement will be asked of the people by the city commission as the fall election, the request to be made under the law empowering the voting of this amount of bonds, a law passed by the last legislature.

"The only difference between the treatasked that the proposition to vote \$100,000 ment accorded me and the rank and in bonds be submitted at the charter elec- file." Moyer continued, "is that the attack on me, as a representative of the

> Colorado Strike Discussed. In speaking of the Colorado strike, Mr.

"I didn't believe that the laboring people of the state would ever make it possible for another Peabody to sit in the governor's chair. But they did. The present strike is not yet so bad as the strike of 1903-4, but I believe Governor Ammons will go as far, or farther if possible, than the despicable Peabody. Mr. Moyer said he was in favor of the

the coal miners. He suggested that a committee of the international officers be empowered to work for a plan for the merging of the two unions. President White in the name of the convention assured Mr. Moyer of the continued (moral and financial support of the coal miners. It was decided to hold meetings of the delegates by districts for

the purpose of raising a fund for the

striking copper miners. Mr. Moyer said

there were 40,000 men, women and chil-

dren in the copper district of Michigan

amalgamation of his organization with

receiving aid and that it requires \$30,000 a week to supply these with the bare necessities of life. Motion to Quash. HOUGHTON, Mich., Jan. M.-A motion to quash the conspiracy indictment returned by the special grand jury against

copper mine strikers and officials of the (Continued on Page Two.)

Investments in

Under-vestments

This is the "between season" for a great many women in buying outer clothing, consequently it is a good time to turn the attention to replenishing the stock of underclothing. You have only to read the ad-

vertisements in The Bee to see what an infinte variety there is to suit each person's individual requirements.

Study the pictures and descriptions furnished by the re-tailers in these columns and you can easily decide what styles suit you best.

There are a great many trademarked brands of underwear that are backed both by the reputation of the manufacturer and of the merchant who sells them in this city. Such a double guarantee makes you doubly sure of the quality and correctness of the garments.

There is so much valuable information furnished in The Bee's advertisements on this subject that if you read them carefully, you cannot go far wrong on quality, fit and style.