From New York Sun.

Amount to Collector Hammond.

Omit Fines for All Who Make

Statements Before Mon-

day Morning.

under the new income tax law.

ceived before Sunday night.

Ross L. Hammond decided yesterday

that all returns received in the office in

Omaha on Sunday would be in sufficient

time to prevent paying the fine or pen-

alty which attaches to those who fail to

This in effect means that if the return

is received in the postoffice here by Sun-

day, even though it may not be delivered

to the office of the collector, it may pre-

vent a prosecution of the person making

The fine of from \$20 to \$10,000 may be

invoked on those who fail to make the

Thursday, February 26, 1914.

The Senate.

Met at noon. President Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin testified on the trade com-nassion bill.

committee voted to favor

return on or before March 1.

make the return on or before March 1.

blanks for the return

On Trains and at Hotel News Stands, 50.

Villa and Huerta: "Murderer!"

SINGLE COPY TWO CENTS.

## VILLANOW SAYS BODY OF BENTON WAS TAKEN TO CITY OF CHIHUAHUA

Persistent Reports Are in Circulation in Washington that it Has Been Cremated.

ISSUE IS NOW UP TO CARRANZA Head of Insurectos Must Demon-

strate His Authority. ALARMIST REPORTS ARE DENIED

Huerta Says He Refused Permit to Send Two Thousand Marines.

NO SUCH REQUEST WAS MADE President Wilson Says Dictator Has

Not Bee nAsked to Allow Passage of Any American Force to Capital.

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.-At a conference today between Secretary Bryan and Ambassador Spring-Rice it was decided that British Consul Perceval will not proceed into Mexico for the examination of William S. Benton's body until better arrangements can be made.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.-The American government was exerting every influence at its disposal to obtain from General Villa the surrender of the body of Wil-I'am S. Benton, the British subject recently executed at Juarez. No reply had been received to the instructions sent to Consul Letcher yesterday to find Benton's grave, and Secretary Bryan was surprised by news dispatches quoting Villa as saying Benton was buried in Chihuahua City. There have been persistent reports here, too, that the body was cremated.

Secretary Bryan conferred with President Wilson and said nothing new in the situation had developed. Official denial came from the White House of one published report that Rear Admiral Fletcher had recommended the landing of marines at Vera Cruz.

Attention was chiefly centered on the Benton investigation and high officials meeded that future development of the American policy toward Mexico hinged on the outcome of the incident.

Another feature of the situation which loomed up as of commanding importance was the fact that the Benton incident promises to develop into a test of Carranza's authority and influence as chiefof the constitutionalist movement. Every sort of pressure, it is understood, is being (Continued from Page One.)

brought to bear on Carrange, both by Americans and Mexicans, who have the confidence of the Washington officials, with the purpose of impressing him with the necessity of a clear and convincing explanation of all the circumstances surrounding the death of Benton.

Now Up to Carranza.

Villa, the power of the so-called "first in the estimation of the Washington gov-Officials here have for some time been

and favorable reports on his character roll from being large. were transmitted to President Wilson by William Bayard Hale, Should it develop, however, that Carranza is without control over Villa, it is more than probable that relations with Carranza will be viewed by officials as of less importance hereafter.

Persons in a position to know the viewpoint of the president and cabinet officers is to insist on the facts of the Benton epinothing yet to indicate a critical stage. Another published report which attracted attention of officials was to the Mexico City had been equipped with machine guns. The only arms there, it was said, are several rifles, imported just before the street fighting that ended in Madero's downfall.

Officials here made it plain that they regarded such an announcement by General Huerta as being made for its possible effect in Mexico City and to (Continued on Page Two.)

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Fair, Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.



Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday ... Lowest yesterday... Mean temperature... Precipitation ...... Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature 27
Excess for the day 27
Total excess since March 1 11.79
Normal precipitation 62 inch
Deficiency for the day 62 inch
Total rainfall since March 1 25.13 inches
Deficiency since March 1 4.24 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1912-13.19 inches

Davenport, cloudy
Denver, partly cloudy
Des Moines, cloudy
Dodge City, cloudy
Lander, clear
North Platte, cloudy
Omaha, partly cloudy
Pueblo, cloudy
Rapid City dear
Salt Lake City, clear
Santa Fe, clear
Sheridan, clear
Sloug City, cloudy
Valentine, cloudy
Valentine, cloudy

Indicates trace of precipitation.
L A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

WINNER OF THE VANDERBILT CUP RACE YESTERDAY.



RALPH DE PALMA.

## Financial Operations of the Rock Island Criticised in House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.-Bitter criticism of the Rock Island railway and its financial operations, was raised in the eight mile course. house today by Representative Green of lows, speaking in support of his resolution to authorize the Interstate Commerce commission to make an investigathose of the New Haven and Frisco systems, already under investigation, declaring that the plan under which the holding companies controlled the finances of the Rock Island was utterly indefensable from any standpoint.

Through the manipulations of the holdng companies, Mr. Green asserted that \$121,000,000 of water was poured upon the railway companies stocks and bonds, seen increased from 40 to 20 per cent,

"The railway companies never received | won the cup race at Milwaukee in 1912. one dollar's benefit by or through the stock issued by the holding companies." free booters an opportunity to exploit the

railway and the public." The speaker further charged that the the aggrandizement of a few men with- mechanician emerged unburt. out any return being given." Referring to the equipment of the Rock Island, he said:

properly supplied. A chorus of complaints race had been completed. have gone up from the public all along | Doesn't Finish First the line for lack of proper service, trains chief of the constitutionalists" will fall behind time, inability to move traffic, and the road has been heavity mulcted in damages by reason of delayed freight Wrecks have been frequent and only disposed to feel kindly toward Carranza, good fortune has prevented the casualty

## Mrs. Buffum Denies All Statements in Alleged Confession

LITTLE VALLEY, N. Y., Feb. 26. say the disposition of the administration Mrs. Cynthy Buffum, on trial for the is to insist on the facts of the Benton epi-sode and possession of the body for in her own defense. She told of her life medical examination, but that there is from the time she was married at the age of 15 to the death of her husband last August. She said that Buffum was a constant drinker and of late years effect that the American embassy in had frequently threatened to kill himself and the entire family. She denied ever putting poison in her husband's food. "My husband," Mrs. Buffum testified, 'always drank. We had not been married three months before he made accusations against my character, naming my father and other members of my own

family. "It met Ernest Frahm at the county fair, during fair week. I was not alone with him then nor at any other time."

## Putnam Griswold. American Grand Opera Star, Dead

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.-Putnam Griswold, American basso and member of the in a private sanitorium here. He was

te. Complications developed. Mr. Griswold was born in Minneapolis there was no excitement. in 1876. He made his first appearance as an operatic star in London in 1901. He joining the burning building was not inwas a great favorite in Berlin and was terrupted and at its conclusion the contwice decorated by the kalser, before gregation joined the crowd which watched whom he had sung at the palace. His the flames. death came at a time when he was considered at the height of his operatic

#### SNOW FOOT DEEP IN SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 26.-The snow il.19 fall in Columbia and vicinity reached fall in Columbia and vicinity reached 13.7 inches last night, surpassing all records of the local weather bureau. 4.24 inches 3.4.39 inches was supended today, schools 3.4.39 inches were closed, not a street car moved and 11.7 inches last night, surpassing all were closed, not a street car moved and suburban population was snow bound. The heaviest fall in twenty years is reported in nearly every part of the

## HOSPITAL ANNEX TO

MONTREAL PRISON BURNS MONTREAL, Feb. 26 .- A fire broke ou oday in the St. Vincent De Paul penitentiary, a state institution, destroyed the hospital annex and did extensive damage tody of deputy sheriffs and accompanied to the surgical department. The patients in the hospital were all safe. There former police lieutenant, left the death Asiatic exclusion. .02 are 299 prisoners in the institution, which house in Sing Sing prison late this afteris outside of Montreal.

# DE PALMA WINS RUN FROM OLDFIELD BY A

Veteran Ans Second Vanderbilt Cup Race on Santa Monica Course.

SIXTEEN CARS ENTER CONTEST

Two Leaders Battle from Eighteenth Lap to Finish.

VICTOR WITHOUT ANY MISHAP

Nearest Competitor Obliged to Stop and Change Wheel.

PULLEN HITS A BARRICADE verage of Champion is 75.6 Per Hour, Slower by Three Miles

Than Record Set by Teddy

Tetzlaff. LOS ANGELES, Cal. Peb. 26-Defeating Barney Oldfield by a trifle more than a minute in a 294-mile grind, Ralph De-Palms, participant in scores of hardfought motor contests, won his second Vanderbilt cup race today on the Santa Monlea course. His time was 2:53:41;

Oldfield's 3:55:01. Sixteen cars entered the race and only five finished, but from the eighteenth lap to the finish it was a contest solely between DePalma and Oldfield. DePolma won because he did not have to stop once in all the thirty-five laps of the

Oldfield lost what chance he had when he was compelled to stop and change a wheel in the thirty-fourt lap and lost nearly a minute. The other drivers that tion of that road. The speaker compared remained in the race were W. H. Carlson the operations of the Rock Island to of San Diego, Earl Cooper, who started a favorite, and George Joeriman, and they finished in the order named.

Average of 75.8. DePalma made the race at an average speed of 75.6 miles per hour. This was slower by three mlles per hour than the course record set by Teddy Tetzlaff when he won a Santa Monica road race, but it was faster than the Vanderbilt cup record of 74.07 miles, made by Mulford while the fixed charges of the road had at Savannah in 1911, and faster than the speed DePalma himself made when he

There was but one accident during the race. Edwin Pullen, who made one of the he declared. "Its origin affords financal fastest laps of the day-eighty-five miles per hour-and was leading in the fourteenth lap, took a turn at terrific speed and crashed into an iron barricade which millions of securities floated by the hold- protected a throng of spectators. The car That Many More Nebraskans Give ing companies "were put up merely for was wrecked, but both Pullen and his

The day was perfect and the course appeared in excellent condition, but the first lap of the race had not been completed "It is reported that it has spent \$6,000,- before breakdowns and mishaps began coo since 1907 for equipment hire alone reducing the number of racers. Seven had and still it is known that it has not been quit or been ordered out before naif the

Harry Grant, driving No. 1, who was first away, did not complete the first lap. Wishart, who was No. 2, lasted three (Continued on Page Two.)

## Colorado Dispute Now Rages Around Firing First Shot

TRINIDAD, Colo., Feb. 26.-The months old dispute between striking coal miners and mine owners as to who fired the first cities over the state have been received shot in the labor war in southern Colorado was threshed out before the congressional investigating committee today. Witnesses for the coal operators gave their versions of the battle at Ludlow bn October 7 between guards in an automobile and strikers from the tent colony. Witnesses for the operators today swore that the first shots were fired by the strikers. Counsel for the miners sought to establish their claim that the guards fired into the Ludlow colony before the

strikers used their guns. In the automobile on October 7 were Walter Belk, and G. W. Belcher, detectives; B. S. Larson, a hotel proprietor; R. G. Holt, company store manager at of machinery for the Victor American Fuel company, and W. H. Watson, the Delagua; N. J. Chapin, superintendent

## Piano Factory in Chicago is Burned wealthy mine owner, to support his wife,

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.-Fire today destroyed the Henry Detmer piano factory to support his wife if she would com-Metropolitan Opera company, died today in North Clarimont avenue, causing a home and agreed to support the child, loss of \$50,000. The factory was near St. operated on for appendicitis on February Elizabeth's hospital, but storm windows kept the noise from the patients and band

Mass being celebrated in a church ad

### CUBAN SUGAR ENTITLED TO LOWER TARIFF RATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 .- Attorney General McReynolds held today that Cuban sugar is entitled to a reduction of 20 per cent under all other tariff rates under the

The attorney general's opinion, which is effect sustains a differential for Cuban sugar under the new law, is of immense mportance to the Louis'ana cane growers and the beet sugar men, who conducted a strong fight against it. The new rates on sugar imports becoming effective or March 1, will be effected by the decision.

### BECKER LEAVES DEATH HOUSE FOR TOMBS

OSSINING, N. Y., Feb. 26 .- In the cus by his wife and counsel, Charles Becker, noon for New York

## THOUSAND STATE INCOMES Taft Will Present Reasons for Reform in Court Procedure

BENTON

RETURNS ARE COMING IN FAST dent Taft, as president of the American Revenue Officials Will Bar association, will be heard tomorrow by the house committee on judiciary in reference to the proposed reform and simplification of procedure in the United

States federal courts. Mr. Taft will be accompanied by Nearly 1,000 additional returns of innumber of well known lawyers interested comes have been received by Ross L. in the reform of federal court procedure, Hammond, collector of internal revenue including Judge Alton B. Parker, Senator for the district of Nebraska, during the Rcot, Louis Brandels, Dean Roscoe present week, making a total of 1,945 per-Pound of Harvard, Frank B. Kellogg, sons in the state who have compiled with Judge Henry Wade Rogers, late dean of the law, and made the return required Vale university, and Thomas W. Shelton, It is estimated that there are 6,000 percedure committee of the American Bar the plumbers in attendance, and a spe-

sons in the state who should make this snociation. return, and indications from the volume It is expected the bill pending before of business in the office now are that the judiciary committee will be promptly more than half that number will be rereported and passed by both branches of Telegrams and letters from different Wilson and Attorney General McReyn- the organization. at the office here, asking for income

## Joint Conference of Coal Operators

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.-The joint conference of miners and operators who have been here for several weeks to arrange a new wage scale for the central competitive bituminous fields, adjourned sine die late today without reaching an agreement. It was stated that this does not necessarily mean a strike, as the existing agreement does not expire until March 31. It is expected the general con-NOT SUPPORT HIS WIFE ference will be reconvened in a western city between now and March 31,

#### NEW YORK, Feb. 26.-The domestic Twelve Killed and relations court today refused to compel Eight Injured by an who left their home in Des Moines not long ago, taking with her their 31/2-year-Explosion in Berlin old daughter. Lorge said he was willing

BERLIN, Feb. 26 .- Twelve men were killed and eight others fatally injured even though it remained with the mother. Mrs. Lorge refused to rejoin her hustoday in an explosion which destroyed an extensive aniline, dye factory in Rummelsburg, a suburb, There were 400 The National Capital employes in the building at the time of the explosion, which was heard all over

## SCHOOLMASTERS ARE TALKING SHOP

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 26.-The departcommerce committee voted to tavor-ably report bills to combine the revenue cutter and life saving services into a coast guard service, and for four new revenue cutters.

Debate renumed on the postoffice ap-propriation bill. vention here today, H. B. Wilson, superintendent of schools, Topeka, Kan. delivered a report on "Economy of Time Immigration committee laid plans to implete the Burnett bill. Adjourned at 5:20 p. m. to noon Friday. in Education." participated in by J. F. Hosic, Chicago Normal college, and W. A. Jessup, University of Iowa. The 'Round Table" was participated in by Debate on urgent deficiency appropriation bill resumed.

President Bush of the Missouri Pacific and Chairman Trumbull of the Chesapenke & Ohio discussed railroad problems before the commerce committee.

Herbert Noble, New York, protested before the judiciary committee against legislation to further define restraints of trade.

"Round Table" was Marlin G. Brumbs David Snedden, Bosto Savid Snedden, Bosto Foreidents, school su state commissioners. Marlin G. Brumbaugh, Philadelphia David Snedden, Boston, and other college presidents, school superintendents and

## FOLK OFFERED JOB BY

trade.
Foreign affairs committee agreed to consider tomorrow the Alney resolution asking information of protection for Americans in Mexico.
Representative Kahn assailed the administration's Mexican policy.
The immigration committee discussed Assatic exclusion. WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.-Joseph W. Folk, solicitor of the State department, been offered and probably will accept the new post of chief counsel for the Inter-Urgent deficiency bill carrying \$10,000,state Commerce commission at a satary Adjourned at 5:55 p. m. to noon Friday, of \$10,000 a year.

Convention Opens at the Rome with Good Attendance.

Large Number of Women Are Here with Their Husbands and Special Entertainment is Pro-

vided for Them. and their wives present the fifth annual Neble seemed to take especial delight in With more than a hundred members

Plumbers' association opened at the Rome hotel yesterday morning. More than a third of the crowd which filled the convention hall for the opening chairman of the uniform judicial pro- session was composed of the wives of

congress, as it is now agreed upon in discussed the status of the trade and form and has the approval of President told of the problems which confronted

"If you would put together all the lives Equitable Objects lost through accident and fire in office buildings, factories, homes and the like, you would have only half the number that die annually in this country as a result of disease caused by improper and Miners Adjourns ing, or the absence of any plumbing at sanitation, chiefly due to defective plumball," said Dunn.

## Plumbers' Trade Elevated.

for better conditions of sanitation in both against the Union Pacific. home and factory, and classed them as sanitary engineers.

J. C. Bixby, president of the Omaha. Master Plumbers' association, also made a brief address of welcome, and he especially emphasized the need of legislation to produce more sanitary conditions in smaller towns as well as in the cities.

Two officers of the similar organization in Kansas were at the meeting and both made short speeches. A. R. Elder of Ottawa, Kan., president of the Kansas Master Plumbers' association, told of the importance of the sanitary and plumbing work in connection with the construction of the Panama canal and brought the greetings of the Kansas association, W. S. Guild of Hutchinson, Kan., told of the ancient history of the trade, tracing it back to Biblical times.

A number of other short speeches were made by A. J. Wyant of Lincoln, Ed Long, Grand Island; Barney Gruenwald, nent of superintendents of the National Omaha; F. B. Edson and William Bell-Education association continued in con- amy of Omaha, the latter one of the veterans of the organization.

## PICKRELL BOY CAUGHT IN FLYWHEEL OF ENGINE

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 26,-(Special.)-

Dwain Bohnstedt, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bohnstedt, who reside six miles east of Pickrell, was caught in the fly wheel of a gasoline COMMERCE COMMISSION and head. He was attempting to tighten They were presented by Senator Stera burr on the engine when his coat ling. caught in the wheel and he was thrown and former governor of Missouri, has ing with young Bohnstedt threw off the the late chief, who died here during the was badly cut and bruised.

## SOCIETY NIGHT IS MAGNET FOR CROWD AT THE AUTO SHOW

Unusual Attendance Marks Setting Aside of Special Evening for Society Folks.

EVENING DRESS PREVAILS

Factory Men Set Pace for the Locals in Wearing Apparel.

SALES REACH HIGH MARK All Dealers Are More Than Pleased with the Way Cars Go.

FLOWERS ADD TO THE SCENE Pretty Women Fill the Cars While the Hand Plays Tantalizing Tango Music, but Dancing

As was litting and proper, society night at the ninth annual automobile show last night proved to be the biggest night in history, not even excepting Wednesday night, which broke all previous records. The crowds swarmed through the doors last night until it seemed as if not another person could find breathing space in the Auditorium, but for all that the line at the entrance never dwindled and all found some spot where they could stand unmolested.

is Not Permitted.

The number of persons who wore evening clothes was surprisingly large, Many of the dealers deemed it expedient to refrain frm making any pretentious display of scenery, but all the factory representatives made up for the deficiency of the local men and a vast proportion of guests were attired for the occasion. The factory men, anticipating society night, had lugged their clawhammers out to Omaha and they were not to be deprived of the right to wear them. They did and were objects of admiration and chagrin by the local men who scorned such displays.

Women in Evidence.
The feminine contingent was aimost as large as the masculine. The women took just as much interest in the cars as the men although their interest was largely confined to the luxuriant upholstery, the electric lights and the fancy trimmings, while the men were more inclined to be inquisitive about the stabil-PLUMBERS OF STATE HERE the of the machinery and the con-

An edict was issued to the effect that smoking would not be permissible. Half a dozen stalwart policemen were on hand to enforce the ban and they did WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. -Former Prest- I. J. DUNN MAKES THE WELCOME their duty as far as was possible. Most refrained.

The orchestra played appropriate pieces furing the evening and was accorded frequent applause. The selections were a bit aggravating to some because of the tuneful fingle embodied in most of them. but no disturbances followed. Conducte convention of the Nebraska Master playing tangoes and trots and other selections of similar nature, which inspired a twinkling of the feet, and it was all some of the more irrepressible could do to refrain from indulging in the popular

pastime. Decorate for Oceasion. The Auditorium was tastefully decocial program has been provided for their rated for the occasion. Flowers were entertainment during the two days of the literally scattered all over every booth and over the cars. Roses, carnations and In his address of welcome I. J. Dunn other beautiful flowers predominated, (Continued on Page Eight.)

## to Union Pacific Melon Cutting

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 .- The Equitable Life Assurance society, it was authoris tatively learned today, will institute legal action to restrain the Union Pacific Rail-George H. Wentz of Lincoln, president road company from distributing its holdof the association, made a reply to the irgs of Baltimore & Ohio stock and a cordial welcome and spoke of the eleva- cash dividend of \$3 to holders of Union tion of the plumbers' trade. He said that Pacific common. Such a disbursement it was no longer one scoffed at and plan was recently announced. The Equisecred by actors, cartoonists and the pub- table holds \$1,618,000, par value, of Union lic in general, but was one composed of Pacific preferred. Other holders of the the better class of business men, working same stock have already instituted suits

### STEAMSHIP BRITANNIC LAUNCHED AT BELFAST

BELFAST, Ireland, Feb. 26.- The launching today of the Britannic, the 50,000-ton liner, marked an important development in constructional safety, so far as engineering ingenuity can in-

sure it. The Britannic, intended for the transatlantic service, had only been laid down when the Titanic disaster occurred and as a result of that accident the plans of the new liner were almost completely remodeled. It is a triple screw steamer, 901 feet in length, and there has been in troduced into its construction every device possible to prevent a recurrence of the disaster which overtook the Titanic. An inner skin extends to a considerable height above the load line, the most vulnerable portion of the vessel, and the height and number of bulkheads has been

increased. It is claimed for the vessel that it will be able to float with six compartments flooded.

### SIOUX INDIANS CALL ON WILSON AND BRYAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.-Sloux Indiana from the Pine Ridge reservation of engine Wednesday while sawing wood at South Dakota shook hands today with his home and severely out about the face President Wilson and Secretary Bryan.

In the delegation were High Pipe, into the machine. One of the men work- Brave Bird, Hollow Horn Bear, son of belt and stopped the machinery, prob- inauguration of President Wilson; Quick ably saving the boy's life. Two ugly Bear, Henry Horse-Looking, Charles, gashes were cut in his head and his tace Tackett. William Thunder Hawk and